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LIBRARY

Sign language club begins

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PALMER -- Residents who are interested in learning or practicing America Sign Language are in luck. On the first Wednesday of the month, the Palmer Public Library hosts an informal sign language learning club from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The idea for this club came after a six-week course on sign language from the Springfield sign language club Signing Basics, led by Theresa King. After guests filled out the questionnaire by Adult Services Librarian Amy Golenski, it was discovered there was demand for more local opportunities to learn sign language. After the discovery, Golenski asked Library Technician and Outreach Services Librarian Sandra Burke to help put together and run the club.

To prepare for this club, they purchased material they could use to teach at the club, and even have members take home to study such as flashcards, and books with DVDs.

Now, the club has been learning about the basics of sign language, which include letters and numbers. Eventually, they will move on to phrases, and later, communications.

"I feel people who are even more familiar with sign language want to start with the basics, and are just trying to work their way up," said Golenski. Berk said when putting on each session they don't really have plan. They put out all the material, and ask each of the guests what they would like to work on. This way, she can distinguish what sign language practice guests want to work on whether it be individually or in a group.

Berk said that the group has

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Hitchcock Academy executive director to retire

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BRIMFIELD -- After many years of hard work, community outreach and a vision of constantly improving the building she worked from, Hitchcock Academy's Executive Director Susan Gregory will be stepping down from her position on Jan. 29.

Because of her previous work as an assistant director in the Education Department at Old Sturbridge Village, which included the responsibilities of organizing programs and supervising, Gregory thought taking the role of an executive director would be a "perfect fit."

Although she was hired in January of 1989, Gregory's officially took office in April 1989, after giving birth to her son, Trevor Gregory. When she officially took on her new role, one of her first tasks was to improve the building by updating the technology and hiring someone to help develop a website for the academy. She also helped put together an activities committee, and took suggestions from the community on what they would like to see in educational, recreational and cultural programs.

Running the academy was not the only task Gregory took on. When residents needed her assistance in a time of crisis, she would waste no time springing into action. For example, when a tornado tore through the town of Brimfield and surrounding towns in 2011, Hitchcock, working closely with the Brimfield Senior Center, became a home to FEMA and MEMA by offering assistance to affected residents who had become homeless or had extreme property damage.

Also, Gregory was put in charge of collecting clothing donations, and even reached out to



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After beginning this chapter of her life as an executive director for Hitchcock Academy in April of 1989, Susan Gregory will be stepping down on Jan. 29.

the sporting goods company Timberland, to have new shoes donated to those in need. From there, she continued with her outreach efforts by offering writing workshops and art therapy sessions to residents who needed help processing the trauma of the incident.

When looking back at all she

has accomplished over the years, Gregory said while she appreciated the positive feedback she receives, she never took on the role of executive director for the status, but to lend a helping hand to her community, which means much more to her.

"I didn't take the job thinking

I would be a prominent figure," said Gregory. "To me, I just like to do my job. I enjoy working with people. I'm proud mostly of the fact that the staff I have hired are kind people, welcoming people, they do this job well, they

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Monson High selects Project 351 ambassador

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MONSON -- Monson High School has officially selected the student who will represent Monson for the statewide Project 351, a nonprofit organization determined to develop the next generation of community-first leaders through service learning, hands-on community building and values-based learning. This year, the student that has been selected is eighth-grader Emily Roberts.

Roberts said that received the news from her mathematics teacher, Jill Carneglia. "The eighth-grade team chose Emily Roberts as your Project 351 Ambassador for 2019-2020 based on her work ethic, her

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Monson High School eighth-grader Emily Roberts has been selected to serve as the Monson ambassador for Project 351. Roberts balances academics, athletics, music, swimming and much more.

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Spotlight on Monson High interns

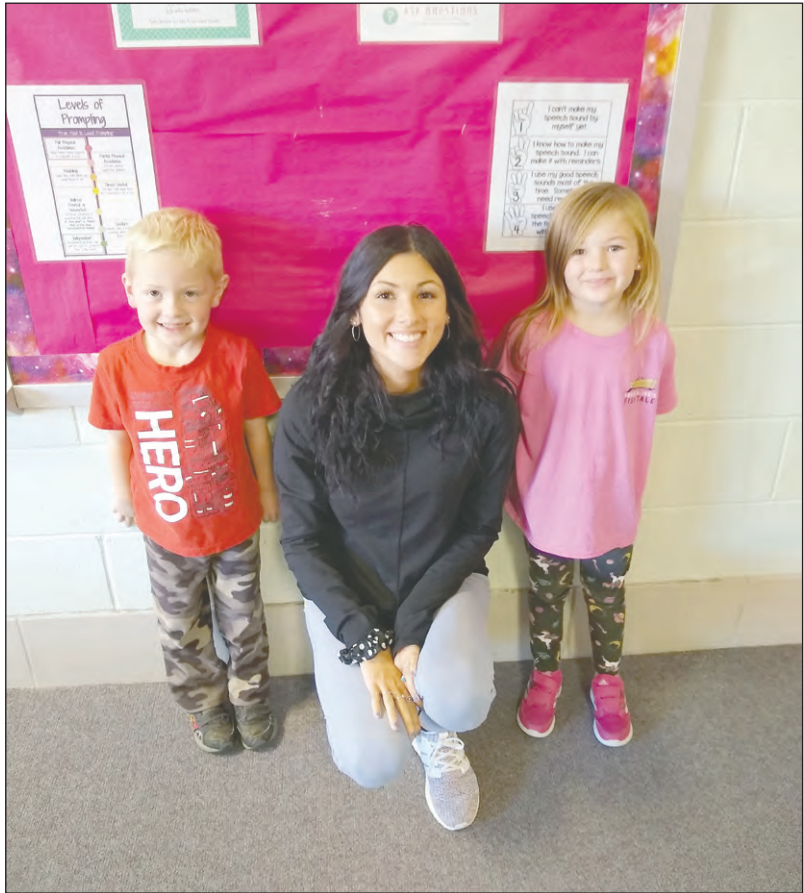
Kayla Yesu

MONSON -- Senior Kayla Yesu has always wanted to help others but was not always sure exactly what that would look like. This past semester she has had the opportunity to try that career out as part of her work-based learning experience in the Early Childhood Center at Quarry Hill Community School in Monson.

Under the supervision of speech and language pathologist Jillian Daigneault, she is exposed to day-to-day routines and procedures as well as many surprises about working with children that she would never get to see if she were not an intern. Each day brings both new experiences and challenges.

According to Daigneault, "Kayla's experience thus far has been filled with both push-in and pull-out observations, including many aspects within the field of speech language pathology such as articulation, language and pragmatics. It's been very rewarding for her and me to see the students make progress over the semester."

So far she has learned that there are certain ages that children should have mastered certain sounds and words, and when they don't speech intervention is necessary to help them develop those skills. She has learned what the school-



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Monson High School intern Kayla Yesu, a senior, worked in the Early Childhood Center at Quarry Hill Community School in Monson as part of her work-based learning experience.

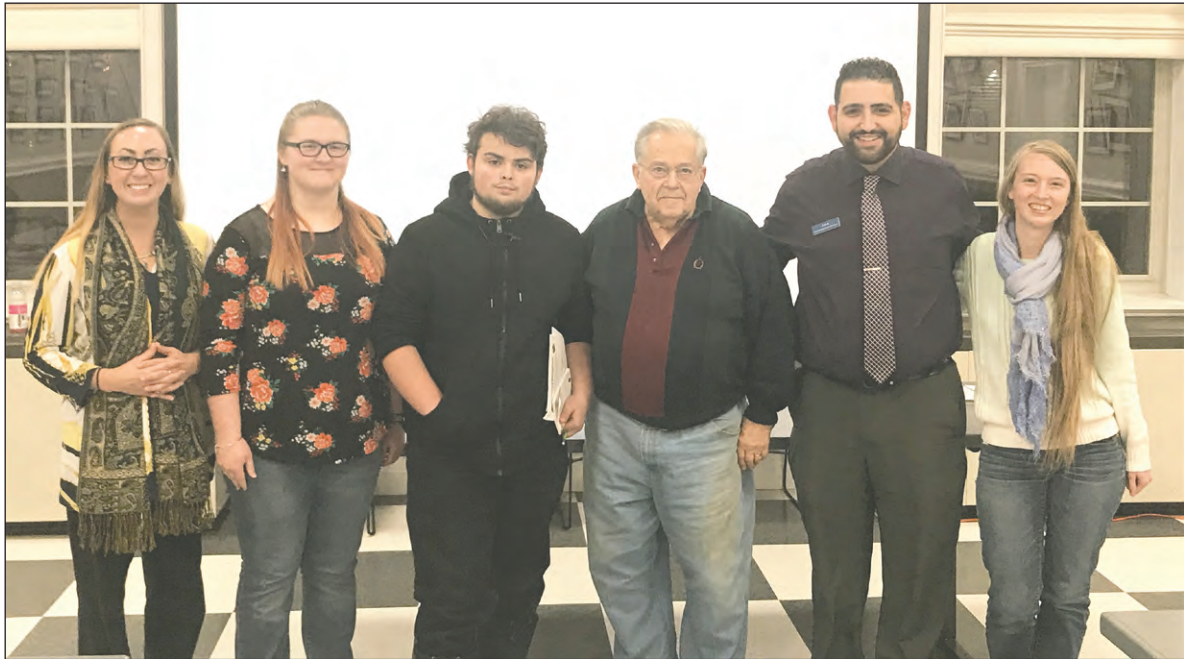
based speech environment is like and what happens with the students during individual and small group speech sessions. She has been able to observe how each student learns differently and how they react and

improve their speech. Finally she has learned how to test the students to see if they need speech therapy to see how much speech intervention

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COMMUNITY

NBSB holds financial literacy course for teens, parents at Palmer Library



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Left to right Palmer Public Library Youth Adult Services Librarian Bridget Kennedy, 10th grader Maria Davis, 10th grader Domyne Baxter-Churchill, Tom Camilleri, Supervisor, IRA Specialist, and Bank Security Officer of the North Brookfield Savings Banks Three Rivers Branch Joe Ribero, and Branch Manager of the NBSB Palmer Branch Jenn Plassmann, get together for a group photo after the completion of the first financial literacy class.

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PALMER -- In partnership with the Palmer Public Library and Top Floor Learning Inc., North Brookfield Savings Bank is giving local teenagers and parents the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of financial literacy. Bridget Kennedy, the Young

Adult Services Librarian, whose responsibility is to create programs for children from grades 6 through 12, put this five-week course together after the bank reached out to Top Floor Learning.

"What I want to do with my programming is make more life-skills programs available," said Kennedy. "Financial classes are very important, so I am very

excited that they are offering them to teenagers."

The two representatives of NBSB in charge of teaching this course are Branch Manager Jenn Plassmann from the Palmer branch, and Supervisor, IRA Specialist and Bank Security Officer Joe Ribero from the Three Rivers branch.

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The Agriculture of NE photo exhibit through Jan. 30

PALMER – The Springfield Photographic Society will display a photography exhibit entitled “The Agriculture of New England” in the Community Room of the Palmer Public Library located at 1455 North Main St., during operating hours from Jan. 2 to Jan. 30.

This project was commissioned in 2019 by the management of The Big E after the photography club offered to display an exhibit depicting life in New England. The management of The Big E suggested that the club members provide a look at agriculture in New England, since The Big E is essentially an agricultural fair. The photo exhibit was designed to cover the great variety of agricultural products and activities found throughout New England including lobsters and honey bees, craft breweries and vineyards, horses and sheep, onions and garlic, and everything else from apples to yarn.

After six months of field work by the group, the show comprises 35 topics taken from 23 different club photographers.

A public reception will be held at the Palmer Library on Saturday, Jan. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many of the photographers will be there and available to talk about this project. Information will be available about the Springfield Photographic Society and what it does as a club.

The club invites the public to view this exhibition and show their support of local libraries and local artists.

Palmer meetings

Thursday, Jan. 9
Cultural Council Meeting, Interactive School House, 2055 Main St., Three Rivers, 11 a.m.

Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, Community Room, Palmer Police Station, 4417 Main St., Palmer, 6 p.m.

Palmer Rail Steering Committee, Palmer Town Hall, Town Meeting Room, 4417 Main St., Palmer, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10
Thorndike Fire and Water District, 4064 Church St., Thorndike, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 15
Palmer Fire and Water District Prudential Committee, 12 Walnut St., 10 a.m.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee, 240 Sykes St., Palmer, 6 p.m.

Free pastel painting workshop for adults, Jan. 11

MONSON – The Monson Free Library at 2 High St., will host award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack to present an adult hands-on workshop, “Pastel Paint the Miracle Flowers,” on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This pastel-painting workshop, is designed for sheer beginners to experienced artists, 18 and over, and all supplies are provided. Seats may fill quickly so please call 413-267-3866 to pre-register. This program is free for participants and is funded by the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

In this new, highly researched two-hour workshop, participants have fun producing their own pastel painting inspired by Georgia O’Keeffe’s enormous mural, The Miracle Flower, which Elizabeth Arden, the cosmetics mogul, commissioned her to paint in 1936. Maichack is a seasoned pro at teaching pastel techniques, as recognized by the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and hundreds of libraries and local cultural councils.

Participants will extract from The Miracle Flower two flowers from the original 6-foot by 7-foot flower painting, and pastel paint their own wonderful creation on paper in yellows and purple, with greens and blues for background. Maichack will demonstrate how beginners to accomplished artists can pastel paint easily using techniques of masters such as O’Keeffe. As always, all will keep their 12-inch by 18-inch pastel paintings.

Maichack lives in western Holyoke. He is a portraitist and painter working primarily in pastels. Winner of the Award of Merit from the Bennington Center for the Arts: Impressions of New England Show 2003, he also was awarded the Savoir-faire Pastel Award from the Great Lakes Pastel Society. He was commissioned by Westfield State College to paint the pastel portrait of the past president of Westfield State College, Dr. Frederick Woodward, which was unveiled at the dedication of the Woodward Center. He has been in many national juried shows and has been awarded numerous Massachusetts Cultural Council grants. In addition to portraiture, galleries from Kennebunkport, Maine to San Francisco, California represent his still life and landscape paintings Maichack is accepting requests to do portraits, and various commissions to do pastel paintings. Please call 413-532-3667 or e-mail Maichack at EmJay7@aol.com. Visit his new web site at www.Gregory-Maichack.com.

Maichack has been a faculty member of the Museum Studio School in the Fine Arts Museum Quadrangle in Springfield; and taught at Holyoke and Greenfield Community Colleges, Westfield State University, East Works and The Guild, Northampton.

Maichack’s pastel paintings have been selected twice for the Annual National Exhibition of the Academic Artists Association and as a result Maichack was invited to be a member of this prestigious organization.

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dedication to all that she is involved in and her warm personality,” said Carneglia. “We are excited to have Emily represent our school in this amazing and honorable role.”

Roberts often lends a helping hand to the local Catholic Church, St. Patrick’s, by singing in the choir, and working as an altar server. Also, she will assist her teacher by teaching children about having faith, and occasionally leading the class herself.

“That’s where my main bulk of community service is,” said Roberts. “I’m always doing something every week.”

Also, as a member of the Monson High School swimming team, Roberts participates in group babysitting at community events. When she takes on this task, she said that she makes sure no child feels left out, by encouraging all of the kids to participate in any activity the group is doing.

“It made me feel really good that someone recognized what I was doing,” said Roberts. “Obviously, being recognized for your work is something you shouldn’t look forward to, but sometimes it makes you feel good to reach a milestone in your community service or any other project.”

On Jan. 18, Roberts, will be heading to Fanueil Hall in Boston, to participate in a statewide launch and kickoff a day of leadership, community service and civic engagement with Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker.

To learn more about Project 351, visit project351.org.

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been extremely successful so far, and that people from as far as Westfield have traveled up to Palmer to participate in the monthly club. Also, she said guests have become so invested in the club it becomes difficult to finish a session on time. “We start at 6 p.m., and it’s supposed to be over at 7:30 p.m., and were usually still there at 8’o clock,” said Berk. “I’m lucky if I get out of there at 7:30 p.m.”

Both Golenski and Berk said they are grateful for King lending her services to the library over summer since it has inspired them to continue to teach sign language. “She really sparked all of this, the desire to keep learning,” said Golenski. “She was so thrilled when she came in last time that because we had created a club and have seen new faces every time we’ve hosted the club.”

To learn more about the sign language club, Visit www.palmer.lib.ma.us, call 413-283-3330, or visit the library, at 1455 N. Main Street, Palmer. There is no pre-registration, or annual fee.

Berk said that anyone who is interested in learning more about sign language is welcomed to drop in and enjoy a laid back, informal evening. Any questions about the club will be answered by Berk herself or other staff members.



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Dec. 26 issues photo was the emblem on Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School

The answer to this week’s “Where is it?” will run in next week’s edition, along with a new trivia photo for you to consider.

DEADLINE

The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at bcoulter@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

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can help them.

According to Yesu, “My Monson education and coursework have prepared me for this career by making me write a career research paper my sophomore year to learn about the career. Now having this WBL experience is an amazing thing because it’s helping me learn so much about this career and whether or not I want to pursue it in the future.”

Because of this experience Yesu has confirmed her decision to pursue a college degree in communications disorders with the ultimate goal of working with children in a hospital setting. She is currently deciding which college she will attend next year to pursue her dream.

For more information about the internship program at Monson High School, please contact Bob Bardwell, School-to-Career Coordinator at 413-267-4589, ext.1109 or bardwellr@monsonschoools.com. The Monson Public Schools is a member of the River-East School-to-Career Partnership.

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make this place a warm welcoming place, and to me, that’s more important than me being a prominent figure.”

Her last wish before closing this chapter of her life, and having the chance to celebrate reaching this milestone with the support from her son, her daughter Abbie Gregory, and husband Cliff Gregory, Gregory said she hopes Hitchcock will continue to grow and cater to the needs of the people they work with.

“I want to make sure that Hitchcock is running, is taking care of itself, and by doing that, is taking care of this community,” said Gregory. “By taking care of this building, is like the oxygen mask in a plane, you can’t have the doors open when there’s no heat.”

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The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to Editor at bcoulter@turley.com, or call 283-8393, extension 236. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069.

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Ware Public Schools to Bring STEM Learning Labs to Middle School

Ware one of just three school systems in Massachusetts to participate in innovative educational program

The Ware Public Schools is proud to announce a partnership with i2 Learning to bring an innovative project-based curriculum into middle school classrooms.

Through this partnership with i2 Learning, Ware Middle School will run a series of immersive one week STEM programs in 2020 and then a full year interdisciplinary program in the 2021-22 school year. Ware teachers will work closely with i2 Learning in developing this program and will receive extensive professional development in project-based pedagogy and STEM curriculum. In addition, all materials, supplies, and training necessary for this program will be provided by i2 Learning at no cost to Ware as the entire program has been grant funded.

“We need to give students the skills to be successful in a rapidly changing world where tomorrow’s opportunities and challenges haven’t even been considered yet,” Superintendent Marlene DiLeo said. “Through this opportunity, our teachers will work in collaboration with i2 Learning trainers to develop curriculum immersed in authentic and relevant project-based learning across all content areas. This is a truly significant opportunity for our students and staff, one that will have a profound impact on our school.”

Ware is one of just three school systems in Massachusetts awarded this opportunity with i2 Learning. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and i2 Learning hope that this program in Ware will be an example of best practices in 21st century learning and can then be rolled out to other districts across the state.

With curriculum partners that include MIT, The Boston Children’s Museum, and The New York Hall of Science, i2 Learning provides hands-on, project-based learning in STEM courses such as “Building an Interactive Friendly Monster,” “Crash Test Engineering,” and “Surgical Techniques.”

Outside evaluations by Teachers College, Columbia University and EDC of previous i2 Learning programs have shown high levels of student engagement during classes and an increase in student interest in STEM and STEM careers after participating in the program.

i2 Learning supporters include Vertex Pharmaceuticals, MathWorks, The Shah Family Foundation, The Lynch Foundation, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, and Spectrum Equity. To learn more about the i2 Learning program, visit i2learning.org

Hitchcock Academy classes

Monday, Jan. 13

REMINDER: Students can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on Hitchcock Academy's website at hitchcockacademy.org.

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9 to 11 a.m.; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit-www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

CHI KUNG 6 to 7 p.m. Chi Kung is a flow of slow, mindful movements, balancing practices, and some static postures done with the intention of enhancing the flow of energy throughout the body. Some of the benefits of these practices are a sense of well-being and increased energy, flexibility, strength, and balance. Participants will be standing; no mat required. Wear comfortable clothing and non-skid shoes; bring water if needed. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

YOGA: 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. This 90-minute Hatha Yoga practice will relax and rejuvenate you with guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

Tuesday, Jan. 14

ART GROUP: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Students should bring their own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

PILATES: 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. A perfect class for those who wish to unwind right after work. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles. Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

PILATES: 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. A great way to start the evening. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles. Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

Wednesday, Jan. 15

WATERCOLOR: 9:30 a.m. to noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call 413-245-3295.

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Music and Movement: 9 to 10 a.m.

THRIVE: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. United Way's Thrive program offers assistance with household budgeting, credit-related issues, planning for household spending, debt, banking, SNAP enrollment as well as referrals to tax preparation services, workforce training and community resources. Join United Way Staff member, Walter Rice, for an introductory session for anyone desiring financial assistance. One to one meetings will be scheduled as needed. Free.

POP COLLEGE: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Searching for the right college? Applying to schools? Trying to figure out how to pay for it all? This free session touches on all the steps for college planning and preparation. Pre-registration for this course is a requirement. For those interested in additional coaching Lisa will discuss the programs she offers. Instructor Lisa Saverese Burkitt. Free.

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Six classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor-National Association of Canine Scent Work.

COUPLES YOGA 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Calling all couples for a short, fun series of gentle yoga classes. No yoga experience necessary, and those new to yoga are especially encouraged to try it out. Couples can enjoy some time together exploring postures, breathing and mindfulness techniques, brief meditations, and... relaxation. The classes will include individual and partner practices and some conscious communication practices with each student's partner. For each person, bring a mat if possible, blanket and water, and wear comfortable clothing. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher.

Thursday, Jan. 16

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Thursday: STEM Experiments 9-10:30 a.m. Bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org.

VIOLIN LESSONS: 2-5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

FENCING: 6:15-7:15 p.m. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.

K9 NOSEWORK 7 to 8:30 p.m. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor National Association of Canine Scent Work.

Friday, Jan. 17

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18

K9 NOSEWORK 9 a.m. to noon. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at three levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor National Association of Canine Scent Work.

Holiday songs and stories at the library



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State Sen. Anne Gobi read a holiday book to children at the Monson Free Library.

MONSON – The DeSantis Community Room of the Monson Free Library was filled with the Christmas Spirit on Thursday, Dec. 19, when state Sen. Anne Gobi and State Rep. Brian Ashe came to read holiday stories to children of all ages. A festive group of Monson Girl Scouts, Daisies, and Brownies started off the program by singing Christmas car-

ols, and The Friends of the Monson Free Library provided a vast array of holiday cookies and treats for everyone. This wonderful holiday tradition has been celebrated at the library for more than 20 years. For more information about Monson Free Library programs, visit them online at www.monsonlibrary.com or call 413-267-3866.

A group of Monson Girl Scouts, Daisies and Brownies started sang Christmas carols during a holiday program at the Monson Free Library.



State Rep. Brian Ashe dons a holiday outfit to read a holiday book to children at the Monson Free Library.



Lions take over Tree of Lights from the Rotary Club

MONSON The Monson Lions Club was honored to assume the privilege of sponsoring the Tree of Lights in the gazebo at Dave Grieves Park in Monson this past year. The Lions thank the Monson Rotary for all their years of dedication to this project and for their confidence in the Lions Club to keep this wonderful tradition going for years to come.

The beautiful tree was set up and adorned with colored lights, as was the gazebo itself, by the crew of Scott Malo, which has also done such a great job with so many of the other festive decorations around town. The Lions Club wishes to thank them for all their hard work out in the cold. They are definitely wonderful elves.

This year in spite of the snow storm, which left the gazebo snowed in and the floor covered in snow, Lions Club members circled around the tree with some of the loved ones of those being honored. The inscribed ornaments that hang on the tree are in honor of special people in the lives of family and friends and in memory of loved ones who are no longer here but who will remain in everyone's hearts forever. Prayers were offered by Father Brennan of St Patrick's Church. Then, as each of the 238 names of those

remembered was recited by a member of the Lions Club, the King Lion rang a solemn bell in their honor.

The Brimfield Area Master Singers performing their Winter Songs Concert at St Patrick's Church was a wonderful addition to the event. Their talent and choice of songs of the season was certainly inspiring.

The Lions Club would also like to thank the ladies of the Martha & Mary Group who helped us out so much with the refreshments at the Columbia Hall following the concert. The kindness and generosity of so many people who came together to keep this long-standing tradition going brings overwhelming joy.

The ornaments will continue to hang on the tree through the holidays. Those who have a chance should stop by and see all those who have been honored, and then watch for the Monson Lions Club in advance next year to add the names of loved ones.

Anyone who would like to share in



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The Monson Lions Club has taken over the Tree of Lights event at the Dave Grieves Park gazebo as of this past December. The Monson Rotary Club used to hold the event.

the joy of helping the community can join the Monson Lions are they are always welcoming volunteers to join them. The club can be reached by emailing

monsonlionsclub@gmail.com or phoning Ginny at 413-348-7123, or Curt at 413-668-6653.



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Viewpoints

How presidents get their facts

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

Here's a basic truth about people who make decisions on public policy: they rarely have all the facts they want. Over the years, I've sat in countless meetings in which, after we'd reached a sticking point, someone said in exasperation, "Well, what are the facts?" We'd all look around the room because, no matter how much information was already on the table, a key fact that would help us move forward was missing. Yet policy has to get made anyway.

No one is confronted more often with this conundrum than the President of the United States, though members of Congress can come close. The challenge is that purported facts are dynamic — they keep changing. Additional facts come to light. Others are found to be wrong. Some are clearly reliable, others dubious. Some plain facts are highly controversial, while other "settled" facts are overturned by time. And regardless, they come at high-level policy makers quickly, relentlessly, from all directions, and from all kinds of sources.

So how do presidents and others sort through all this? They get a lot of information, of course, by consulting with experts. Every president forms a cadre of men and women he relies on — sometimes limited in number, sometimes quite extensive. In the chances I've had to observe these people at work, I've been impressed by how thoughtful, well-articulated and solid the advice presidents receive usually is. Then, of course, there are the more formal sources of information, such as the Joint Chiefs, members of the Cabinet, and the President's Daily Brief, which reviews the information, data and intelligence rounded up by the CIA from all of the American security and surveillance agencies.

Presidents have a lot of memos prepared for them, though not all read them. To be sure, they need the information to be condensed. They don't have the time, patience, or inclination to delve deeply into a topic. Most policy makers are good listeners, able to absorb information quickly. We've had some remarkable intellects among our presidents, people like Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama, who were able to take in vast amounts of information and advice, understand it quickly, and sort through it effectively.

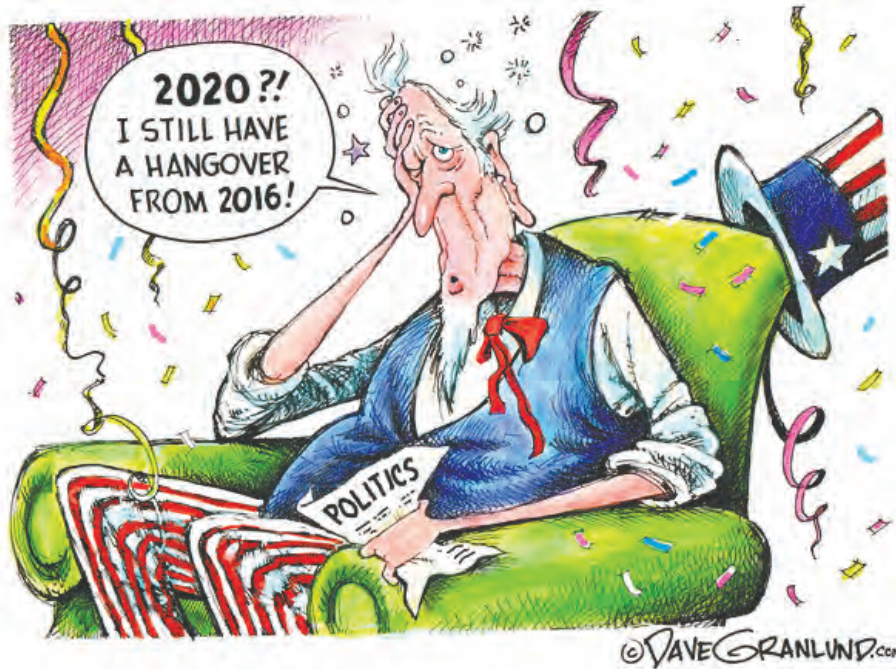
Presidents and other policy makers pay attention to the news, of course. Many of them have several television sets in their offices, so that they can keep track both of the news of the day and how it's covered. They follow the media pundits, who articulate the facts and present them from their own slant, because many of these men and women have vast audiences and it's important to know what they're telling their followers. Social media and online commentary are at a more bewildering and less developed stage, but there's no question they can affect the thinking of millions of Americans. Not surprisingly, presidents differ on how systematically and thoroughly they do this fact-gathering, but generally they seek out sources of information with different perspectives and biases.

Presidents and members of Congress also rely on academics and think tanks: places like the Brookings Institution, the Rand Corporation, the American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation — though which they listen to depends on their ideology. All, however, are in the game and strive hard to be presidential advisers. Most presidents, at least since the economist Walter Heller became a confidant of John F. Kennedy, have paid especially close attention to economists they trust.

Faith leaders are also an important source of information and advice. Like well-known pundits, many of them have significant influence among Americans on questions of values, and presidents will often call several together, often privately, to gather their insights.

This whole process, of course, has immense value — you don't want a president to make decisions based on false information. It goes on constantly behind the scenes, often for weeks before we ordinary citizens hear the first presidential peep on a given subject. But I'd argue it's also getting more difficult as sources of reliable and unreliable information multiply. That's why, in the end, it is so vital for a president to be able to rely on advisers and professionals who can help the president sort out what's true and what's not.

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For the best selection order nursery stock soon

It's been fun to have a break from the garden this last month or so! I love to let my other, less addictive hobbies float to the surface during the offseason. It doesn't take more than a few weeks of crafting, reading, or just doing nothing, however, and my thoughts turn back to what I love the most: growing things! This year, I dream of expanding my collection of fruits and berries. If you desire to shop by mail, place your orders early (yes, now) for home delivery in April.

I have had good luck growing strawberries, and although they took awhile to establish, red raspberries are now as equally satisfying. We are still treating ourselves to a "taste of summer" in our morning cereal bowls, thanks to our freezer. One berry missing from my cereal, and my home landscape, is the blueberry. Shame on me, having spent many dog days picking them in my own backyard as a kid, you'd think they would have been the first fruit on the property. Well they were, and I failed miserably. The soil in which they were planted was likely too shady and not nearly as acidic as it should have been. This spring I vow to prepare a new and better site for my blueberry bushes, one that will guarantee their success. But all that labor comes later, now is time to pick and choose.

I will start my dreaming with the Nourse Farms catalog (www.noursefarms.com or 413- 665-2658). Located not far away in South Deerfield, this company specializes in producing high quality berry plants. It would be great to extend the blueberry picking season over a month or so, just like my parents did with their patch. With that in mind, I will look into early, mid and late season varieties. Patriot, released by the University of Maine, is my choice for an early ripening blueberry. Its hardiness, adaptability and large size won me over. For a midseason variety I think I'll try Bluegold, a newer variety that also has large berries, excellent flavor, and a concentrated ripening period. Harvest it in just one or two pickings, a great option for anyone committed to freezing large quantities. One of the oldest blueberry varieties will round out my selection. Jersey is a late-season berry that yields large

quantities of very sweet fruit; looks great in the yard too, with blazing fall foliage. Expect to pay just under \$9 per 2-year-old, 18-30-inch bare root plant.

With my order placed, and reminiscences of blueberry pie-baking on hold, I can concentrate on another fruit that has been lacking in my landscape, the cranberry. I'm sure you are thinking that I have an awful lot of time on my hands if I plan to turn a portion of the yard into a bog. Not necessary! The American Cranberry grows just fine in upland locations although when commercially-grown, plants are often flooded for frost protection and ease of picking.

I will prepare the soil for blueberries, with a pH below 5.5, and plenty of organic matter added in. A top dressing of sand applied around the plants every second year will help keep weeds down as well as encourage more berry production. For well-rooted, hardy Maine grown plants, shop the Fedco Trees Catalog (www.fedcoseeds.com).

A bushy clump of 'Stevens' American Cranberry is a small investment at \$20 plus shipping and handling. Besides cranberry plants, Fedco Trees offers a great selection of heirloom apple trees, scionwood and rootstocks for home grafting, pears, plums and grapes among other types of nursery stock and ornamentals.

Chances are that my pre-season mail order shopping won't stop with the blueberry and cranberry bushes. I have always loved kiwi, and a hardy variety thrives in our climate. Think of the fruit salads we could make...ah, summertime, summer-time.

Plan ahead, and get your gardening dreams on paper with these or other nurseries before the best selection is gone.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



IN THE GARDEN

Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

The little train in Depot Park

By Janice Lovell

The little train in Depot Park
Is unnoticed, alone and in the dark.
Lights glow all around, but don't reach
the little train in the park.
So next year, when snowflakes start to fall,
the little train will be seen by all.

GUIDELINES

The Counseling Department at Monson High School announces the following programs during the month of January. Anyone with questions about any of these items should contact the Counseling Office at 413-267-4589.

ALUMNI DAY – The annual Alumni Day Program will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9 (snow date Jan. 10). Alums from the Class of 2019 are welcomed back to speak to juniors and freshmen in small group presentations. If interested in participating, please contact Mr. Bardwell at 413-267-4589, ext. 1109.

END OF SEMESTER 1 – The last day of the first semester is scheduled to be Jan. 24. The second semester will begin on Monday, Jan. 27.

MID-TERM & FINAL EXAMS – Exams for high school students are scheduled to be given on Jan. 21, 23 and 24. The exact schedule will be distributed to students the week before. In the event of a snow day, the exam schedule will be moved accordingly. Students will have a half day of school on Jan. 23 and 24.

GRADE 8 CURRICULUM NIGHT – All grade 8 students and their families are invited to Monson High School on Wednesday, March 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about the high school schedule, hear what courses are required in

ninth grade and important dates in the transition process, meet with faculty representatives.

ACT TEST CENTER – Monson High School is a test center for the ACT. The test will be administered this coming soon on April 4 and June 13. Students can register at www.actstudent.org.

MID-YEAR SCHOOL REPORTS – Seniors who must submit Mid-Year School reports to the schools to which they have applied are reminded to submit requests to the Counseling Office as soon as possible.

COLLEGE GOAL DAY – Seniors and their families are invited to participate in a local FAFSA completion program on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 8 p.m. at Amherst Pelham Regional High School. The program is free and will offer families the opportunity to bring in their financial aid information and get help to complete the required forms for financial aid consideration. For more information go to www.masfaa.org/afsa-day.

SAT/ACT PREP COURSE – Monson High School will offer an SAT Prep course beginning Feb. 26 for juniors preparing to take the SAT/ACT.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for support

The Lions Club of Palmer is gratefully appreciative for the tremendous generosity shown by many businesses, organizations and people in our community. In these hard economic times you have again made it possible for us to provide assistance for many families. Our Lions Christmas food and toy drive project was again very successful. The food baskets contained dry and canned foods, five pounds of potatoes, loaves of bread, a 15-pound turkey and much, much more.

All the donations stay in Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike. This project would not have been possible without the help of the following for their efforts and commitment to serving the people of Palmer and our villages: Second Congregational Church Missions, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Rondeau Ice, Cumberland Farms, Big Y bakery department, Palmer High School, Palmer Library, Transportation Advisors, Mill Pond Estates, Palmer Senior Center, Noonan Energy, Baker's Self Storage, Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, Paul Gamache, of Biffway Auctions, Old Mill Pond School, Fill the Cruiser by Palmer Police Department and all the wonderful monetary donations from private citizens. Handmade hats, mittens, sweater scarfs and other articles will keep the children warm.

The Palmer Lions Club wishes to thank everyone and to wish all have a great and prosperous New Year.

Cheryl Theofane, chairman,
Palmer Lions Christmas Baskets

Got 20/20 vision?

By Joan E. B. Coombs
Guest columnist

By all appearances, 20/20 vision is being able to have the clarity or sharpness of vision that can see an object at a distance of 20 feet. Visual acuity is our perception, or how we see things.

Another type of vision as defined by Merriam-Webster is "the ability to see: sight or eyesight; something that you imagine; a picture that you see in your mind; something that you see or dream..."

For the New Year of 2020, could we consider vision statements, written by well-known and respected leaders, as they formed thoughts that can express the hopes and ambitions for all of us?

"If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulders of giants." Sir Isaac Newton

"When one door closes, another opens, but we so often look at the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us." Alexander Graham Bell.

"Vision without execution is hallucination." Thomas Edison

"The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision," said Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf, yet had the vision to learn how to communicate with others.

"People only see what they are prepared to see." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"If anyone advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success unexpected in common hours." Henry David Thoreau.

"You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus." Mark Twain.

"Where there is no vision, there is no hope." George Washington Carver

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and impoverish yourself, if you forget the errand." Woodrow Wilson.

"Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens." Carl Jung

"When you have vision it affects your attitude. Your attitude is optimistic rather than pessimistic." Chuck Swindoll

"Failed plans should not be interpreted as a failed vision. Visions don't change, they are only refined. Plans rarely stay the same, and are scrapped or adjusted as needed. Be stubborn about the vision, but flexible with your plan." John C. Maxwell

And, one of the most world famous, yet humble leaders and a recipient of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work with the poor is Mother Teresa. One of her famous quotes shows her insight by observing situations. Her vision was as brilliant as her quick wit: "Don't travel faster than your Guardian Angel can fly." And, that's advice we all can use.

GUIDE LINES



ROBERT BARDWELL
MONSON HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Classes will be held for 8 weeks, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$175 for the course. Registration opens the week of Jan. 6. More details will be made available to juniors later in the month.

SCHOLARSHIPS – The following scholarships are now available in the Counseling Office:

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to dfarmer@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact Lisa Marulli, 413-283-8393 or lmarrulli@turley.com, about paid advertising in The Journal Register.

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Looking Back

25 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS MONTH IN 1995 ...

Night Security addressed by Supt. Pelton

By Michael Morrissey
PALMER – Plagued by problems at night in its schools, the Palmer School Committee addressed proposals, including the hiring of a police detail aimed at maintaining security.

At a school committee meeting last Wednesday, Superintendent of Schools Warren Pelton discussed security problems which arose at Old Mill Pond, Converse Middle School and Palmer High School this fall and winter. Pelton said pulled fire alarms, open doors and youths in Old Mill Pond at night are some of the problems the town is having. The schools are open at night for evening basketball programs that run until approximately 8:30 p.m. Pelton said those basketball programs have asked volunteers to be monitors, but the problems which occurred last year still persist.

“We’re at the point now where asking volunteers is not going to be feasible.”

Pelton has proposed that monitors be hired and said the basketball programs should do the hiring and paying of monitors. He said the school department should not have to pay for monitors.

“The school department can’t afford it and I don’t think it’s an appropriate expenditure of school money, but we can’t have people roaming around the schools.”

Pelton received a report from Debbie Smola that a fire alarm was pulled at Old Mill Pond last week, prompting a dispatch of fire trucks to the area. The committee agreed any false alarm was a safety concern for the entire town.

The same evening Pelton said youngsters “older than Old Mill Pond age were found in the, elementary school and left only after giving a custodian a hard time. One youth set off a motion detector when he tried to hide in the women’s restroom.

Committee member Keith Parent said when motion detectors go off, custodians should immediately call police, citing safety of the custodians and school system liability.

The main problem is the night basketball, which brings handfuls of children into the school each night. Last year, children running amok at PHS prompted Pelton to ask the leagues to get volunteers to supervise.

“I’m sure that (the leagues) tried but that system is just not working,” Pelton said.

Pelton’s proposals included the following: A high school-aged student, to be hired by the school system, to monitor Old Mill Pond; an adult, preferably an off-duty police officer, to monitor Converse Middle School; and PHS will retain the hired high school monitor for nighttime swimming and basketball program.

Pelton said the PHS program has worked fine because the use fees were increased in order to pay for a monitor. He said he had the same designs for the other schools but said he wouldn’t know until he met with the officials from the different leagues.

“That’s not going to be a popular thing, but that’s what I’m looking at right now,” Pelton said, “I never enter into a discussion with an open mind, and if they can figure out a way that can work that costs nothing, I’m for it.”

When asked by the committee why a police officer was necessary for Converse, Pelton said, “It’s because some of the people and the attitudes you encounter.”

Pelton was concerned homeless people would find Converse as a haven during the cold nights, and he also said, to the astonishment of some school committee members, that out-of-town children who are homeless may also seek shelter there.

“There are a number of homeless people out there, and I’m sure there may be some in Palmer. The buildings are heated; we wouldn’t be the first school people were trying to get into,” Pelton said.

Pelton said arrangements are now being made to talk with the leagues and he hopes to have something in place as soon as possible.

Mansfield-Farias

MONSON – Diane Mansfield and John Farias exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 5 at First Church, Monson.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mansfield, of Monson. Parents of the groom are



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS MONTH IN 1995: Palmer Spirit in Springfield... The Palmer High School Cheerleaders. Their panther and Coach Lynn Wansick pose with Palmer’s Dare Officer James Lynch and the Dare Bear after performing in the “Spirit of Springfield’s Parade of the Big Balloons.” Officer Lynch escorted the girls in the parade to provide music for their dance routine.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS MONTH IN 1995: And the winner is... Opal Day holds up the winning ticket for an embroidered tablecloth she made for a raffle Dec. 23 at Cobblers Corner on North Main Street in Palmer. The winner was Irene Arsenault of 596 North Main St., Palmer. (Photo by Joy Trombly)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Jim Shea (left), Michael McGrath (center), James Coulter (right) talk with Mrs. Ruth O'Malley (far right), special guest at the Christmas Dinner Dance.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS MONTH IN 1970: The jay-vee group, back, left to right: Garie Madison, Linda Gilbert, Gail DePace, Erica Fiero, Linda Dill and Donna Szabia. Front, same order: Linda Arnold and Kathy Donovan.

Mrs. Eva Farias and the late Gilbert Farias of Chicopee.

Lisa Adams attended as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were her sister, Valerie Storozuk.

Robert Farias served as his brother’s best man.

Stephen Farias and Chuck Adams were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Monson High School. She is employed at Turley Publications as a receptionist. The groom is a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School. He is the owner of J. Farias Auto Body.

50 YEARS AGO Journal Headlines Tell Area’s Story for 1970

What better way to review of news of Palmer and vicinity for 1969 than through the Journal Register’s headlines? So, let’s do it:

JANUARY

Palmer Red Feather drive hits goal, two months late.

Urgent appeal for blood at Wing Memorial Hospital brings good response.

Palmer electioneering grows hot, with School Board candidates

bring blasts.

Edward Zerdecki appointed new postmaster in Three Rivers.

Palmer High School youth panel pinpoints problems of town.

Three Rivers PTA honors Mrs. Donald Helm for long service.

FEBRUARY

Joseph Gill enters race for town treasurer against former selectman Leo St. Amand,



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS MONTH IN 1995: Holland Basketball... The Holland first and second grade basketball teams aims to play some mean hoop. They are shown here with their coaches, Steve Petrello, Kevin Fall and Mike Kennedy (Journal photo by Curtis Reeser)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS MONTH IN 1970: Randy Bates (left), was the winner of the \$5.00 door prize. Geraldine LePage (right) who chose his name presents him with a five dollar bill.



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS MONTH IN 1970: The Monson Junior-Senior High School cheerleaders have a lot to cheer about this season, with the basketball team unbeaten. In the top photo, the varsity girls. Back, left to right: Susan Moran, Donna Gaudette, Susan Costa, Martha Laflamme, Debra Sorreiro, Chris Webster and Lisa Fiero. Front, same order: Jill Martin, Linda Tower and Jackie Shorette.

Squirrel steps on power line and blacks out Wales, Holland, Brimfield, Sturbridge and parts of Southbridge. Squirrel escapes with hot foot.

Monson pilot, Capt. R.I. Ewen, flies Pueblo crew home after its ordeal in North Korean prison.

Bondsville loses in bid for fire truck as only 18 voters turn out.

Gill beats St. Armand for town treasurer; Donald Belisle elected to Board of Selectmen; John Dyl elected to School Committee.

Proposed new Palmer High School plan is defeated at annual town meeting.

Finance committee asks appropriation of \$2,531,424, a record. David Lucia, Monson junior high school teacher, dismissed for refusal to shave off his beard.

Heavy snow hits area; Palmer battles storm on even terms while neighboring cities are crippled, Stanley Bigda, chairman of Finance Committee, raps School Committee for failure to submit “finalized budget.”

MARCH

“Seminar” is scheduled on proposed zoning by-laws for Palmer. Rt. 32 site selected for Pathfinder Regional Vocational School. Pickets picket Food Basket store, only to be picketed in turn by employees who back store policies.

Monson school board quits in hassle over handling of bearded teacher case.

Monson Ignores bomb scare, goes ahead with annual town meeting

“Budget revolution” grows as Wales chops school funds, joining Palmer and other towns in this new twist to town government.

SOAP -- Student Organization for the Advancement of Palmer forms to help battle town problems.

Posthumous medals presented to parents of Sgt. Carl Ratee, much-decorated Vietnam hero from Wales.

Only Adolph Jurczyk of resigned Monson School Committee gains re-election.

Monson High School girls win Western Mass. tournament, post 21-0 record.

APRIL

Seniors announce plans to build Palmer High School park as class gift.

Smartens program opens as attempt to battle drug abuse among young people.

Pfc. Walter Chase, 23, first Palmer man to be killed in action in Vietnam.

Sen. Edward Kennedy seeks New England Commission to bolster “dislocated” towns, such as Bondsville after fire disaster.

Monson school committee votes, 3-2, to bar return of bearded teacher David Lucia.

“The Panther,” Palmer High School newspaper, wins award at school press conference.

Bondsville makes new bid to have fire truck accepted by voters.

MAY

Palmer High receives trophy for being co-champion of Quaboag Basketball League.

Proposed zoning by-laws lose, 585-390, at special town meeting in Palmer despite attempts to educate public to value of such by-laws.

Zero Manufacturing Co. reports record sales and earnings; announces plans to open “Zero South” in Florida.

Robert Carper of Palmer receives college degree at age 46.

Palmer High School park is dedicated with Rep. Alexander Lo-las as guest speaker.

Voters of Palmer reject school committee’s bid to have \$11,000 restored to school budget.

JUNE

Plans announced for opening of Teen Center here.

Target date of mid-October set for George Washington Shopping Plaza as work gets under way.

Palmer High graduates 123 seniors; 14 receive degrees in Monson.

Teen-adult dialogue set at Palmer High.

Harry Courniotes of Monson elected president of American International College.

Stanley Remizewski as Principal of Palmer High School. Pathfinder district faces crucial vote as Ward threatens to withdraw.

JULY

Palmer School Committee votes to establish double sessions for eighth graders as means to battle overcrowding.

“Operation Friendship” underway as young people from Sweden and Scotland visit Monson and Palmer.

George Nicholas appointed to non-teaching principal’s post in Palmer.

Wing Hospital erupts in controversy as five doctors leave; Dr. Brandfass resigns as director of Wing Medical Associates; Russell Sprague plans to leave Board of Managers; Stewart Blanchard resigns as administrator.

Otto Bodemer named Interim administrator at Wing.

AUGUST

Henry Trespas declines to seek Palmer High School principal’s post.

Pathfinder stays alive as Ware – by 13 votes – decides to stay in district.

David Lucia, the bearded teacher, wins his case in U.S. District Court; earns reinstatement and back pay.

Lack of steel stalls work on shopping plaza

SEPTEMBER

Community Chest establishes goal of \$7,900 in Palmer.

Housing authority approves plans for 48-unit Palmer project. Lions Club observes 20th anniversary.

Three towns veto Pathfinder planning grant; regional vocational school project seems to be at end of road.

Colleagues give sendoff to resigned principal Stanley Remizewski.

William Ellithorpe begins duties as new principal of PIE. Teacher group charges that Palmer School system is in “state of chaos.”

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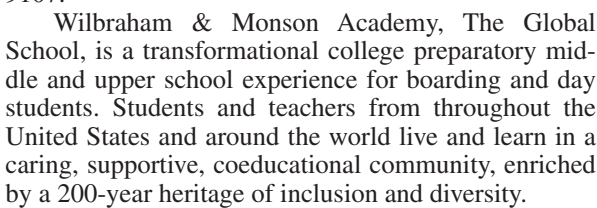
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LOOKING from page 5

OCTOBER
State Rep. Alex Lolas of Monson announces that he will file bill to have schools open on 12-month basis.

Palmer's Main Street problems grow; solutions sought.
Youngsters put on alert as drug problem increases in Palmer. Eight-pronged attack outlined on Palmer's downtown dilemma. Cigarette machines removed from Wing Memorial Hospital. Work resumes on shopping plaza.

Dr. Ralph Kendall leaves Wing Memorial Hospital; Dr. Joseph Slowick announced retirement.
Room rates up \$3 at Wing.
Dr. Leo Santucci, Palmer Supt. of Schools, named to "Who's Who in the East."

NOVEMBER
Palmer High beats Ware in football, 42-6.
Chamber of Commerce ends affiliation with Joint Civic Agencies of Springfield.
Grant of \$16,000 first step in Palmer Industrial Park Plan. Palmer schools earn national safety award.

School board members squabble again over alleged "shenanigans."

DECEMBER
Sgt. Joseph A. Zebrowski suspended by Board of Selectmen for 90 days for "conduct unbecoming a police officer."
Bus service to villages discontinued.

Zebrowski case bearing postponed.
Santa Claus comes to town, with bells jingling.
Babe born in a stable also is remembered, though he is pushed into the background by some.

100 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1920 ...

Bridegroom Not on Hand
– So Monson Christmas Wedding Guests Were Dismissed –
AFTER WAIT FOR THE MISSING MAN – Miss Ruth Keeney Deserted at Last Moment by Dr. Vermilye, who has a wife

The wedding of Miss Ruth M. Keeney of Monson to Dr. William Gray Vermilye of New York, which Was expected to take place in the Methodist church of that town on Christmas Day failed of consummation owing to the non-arrival of Dr Vermilye. A large number of invitations had been issued and at 4 o'clock, the time set for the ceremony there were a large number of the friends of Miss Keeney present. After a half hour delay, the pastor of the church, Rev. H. G. Buckingham, dismissed the assembled guests, announcing that Dr. Vermilye had left his hotel in New York at 10 o'clock the previous morning, since which time nothing had been seen or heard of him.

The non-appearance of Dr. Vermilye has caused a widespread expression of surprise and sympathy for the Keeney family. The case, which is very unusual, and which has been more or less "colored" by the press, is a most regrettable one. Dr. Vermilye met Miss Keeney in New York City Monday, December 22d and accompanied her to the train, when she was homeward bound from Lewisburg, Pa. Final details for the wedding were discussed at that time and the physician was expected in Monson Wednesday afternoon. The absence of any communication from him up to Thursday noon caused some anxiety, but he was expected to arrive at the last moment.

Efforts were made at once to establish communication with Dr. Vermilye, both in New York and Brooklyn but to no avail and foul play was hinted at. Dr. Vermilye had been connected with

Operations of the Government in deporting "Reds," and it was thought this fact might have some bearing on his disappearance.

Saturday morning's papers contained a bulletin issued by the New York police that Dr. Vermilye had been located by them in a Brooklyn hospital where he had been admitted Thursday morning as a patient for treatment or for an operation of a minor nature. Upon receipt of this information Miss Keeney, accompanied by her father, George L. Keeney, left early Saturday for Brooklyn. Upon their arrival at the hospital

Dr. Vermilye refused to see them, denied having tried to evade anyone, and said he wished to say nothing more than that upon his recent return from South America he had been confronted by an invitation to his own wedding.

Monday morning it was announced that a wife had been discovered in Harrisburg, Pa., with whom he had lived with in New York until a short time ago. Upon receipt of this fact the Keeney's announced that the affair was a "closed incident," at the same time expressing gratification that it progressed no further.

Dr. Vermilye visited the Keeney family in Monson last September and arrangements for the wedding were then discussed by the group except the date, which it was impossible to decide definitely upon, as Dr. Vermilye was traveling back and forth to South American ports at that time. These facts, coupled with his assurance made three days before the date of the wedding that he would be on hand in Monson Wednesday afternoon would indicate that he had at that time every intention of being present.

Newspaper facts concerning Dr. Vermilye are somewhat conflicting. He is credited with various ages, but is about 55, a native of Brooklyn and a member of a long-established family there. He made that city his headquarters until the ancestral home was disposed of about 10 years ago. At one time, Dr. Vermilye saw Army service with General Miles; he also had practiced medicine and had been private physician to wealthy families. He has one sone, Dr. John Vermilye of Atlanta, Ga.

During the World War, Dr. Vermilye was a surgeon in the Navy; the rank of a Captain and was stationed on transports. Later he was connected with the Shipping Board and sailed from South American ports on the United Fruit Company steamers. It is stated that he recently received his discharge from the naval service, having completed the allotted time.

Miss Keeney met Dr. Vermilye in South America two years ago, when she was acting as private instructor in languages to the children of a wealthy Brazilian family. During the war Miss Keeney held a position with the Naval Intelligence Board and saw considerable of Dr. Vermilye when he was in port.

Several features of the affair which have not been clearly dealt

Gobi and Goldberg announce BabySteps Savings launch

BOSTON – State Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced the launch of the BabySteps Savings Plan, Massachusetts' first statewide post-high school education savings account program. Started by the Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment, BabySteps, gives every child born or adopted in Massachusetts a free \$50 seed deposit when a family member opens a college or vocational savings account through MEFA. This deposit comes at no cost to the taxpayers and will incentivize families of all income levels to start saving for their children's future, today.

"As the Senate Chair of the Higher Education Committee, I have met with numerous students who are saddled with enormous college debt," Gobi said. "Starting early in saving and planning are key to relieving some of that burden. I appreciate the work of Treasurer Goldberg and I am glad to support this worthwhile program and encourage new parents to enroll their children."

"With the rising cost of post-secondary education, the opportunity to receive a college or vocational degree is uncertain for many of our kids," said Goldberg. "BabySteps will encourage families to save and invest earlier for their children's higher educa-

tion."

This program builds upon Goldberg's two successful pilot programs, SeedMA and Soar-MA, in economically and diverse areas of the state. Using best practices from the pilot program puts BabySteps Savings Plan in position to provide families with a seamless sign-up process. Parents simply need to check the box on the birth certificate form they receive in the hospital (Parent Worksheet for Live Birth – Newborn) to start the enrollment process, or they can visit BabyStepsSavingsPlan.org to learn more about the program and get started.

All new parents and guardians in Massachusetts will have one year after the child is born or adopted to open a U.Fund 529 college savings account in order to receive the \$50 deposit. The deposit will be transferred directly into the child's U.Fund account offered by MEFA and financed by the Massachusetts State Treasurer's Economic Empowerment Trust Fund with support from private donors.

The BabySteps Savings Plan will also provide free financial education services to all families in the commonwealth.

For more information on the BabySteps Saving Plan, please visit BabyStepsSavingsPlan.org.

HCC extends service hours before spring semester

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College will hold extended service hours to accommodate new and continuing students for the spring 2020 semester.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 13, and continuing through the end of the first week of classes on Friday, Jan. 31, HCC admissions, advising, testing, financial aid and student accounts offices will open at 8:30 a.m. and stay open until 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays.

On Fridays, those offices will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The spring 2020 academic semester begins Monday, Jan. 27. "There is still plenty of time for students to register for spring,"

said Renee Tastad, dean of Enrollment Management and College Access Programs. "We know students are very busy with jobs and families and life in general, so we try to make all the accommodations we can so the registration process is smooth for everyone."

Admissions, testing and advising are located on the first floor of HCC's new Campus Center, with parking available in Lot S in front of the building. Financial Aid and Student Accounts are located on the second floor of the Frost Building with visitors parking available in Lot J.

For more information, please contact HCC Admissions at 413-552-2321 or admissions@hcc.edu

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NOTES

Jessica Stolecki named to president's list

POTSDAM, NEW YORK – Jessica Stolecki, of Brimfield, Massachusetts, was recently named to the president's list at the State University of New York at Potsdam.

Stolecki, whose major is music education, was among 946 SUNY Potsdam students who were honored for academic excellence in the fall 2019 semester. College President Dr. Kristin G. Esterberg recognized the students for earning top marks. To achieve the honor of being on the president's list, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

For more information contact: Kimberly Ruscitti, (508) 767-7173, ke.ruscitti@assumption.edu

Kendra L. Desroches receives dgree

SPRINGFIELD – Kendra Desroches, from Palmer, graduated from Western New England University with a master's degree in business administration on Oct. 15, 2019.

Celebrating its Centennial in the year 2019, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,974 students, including 2,629 full-time undergraduate students.

Chloe Lewis makes honors

EASTHAMPTON – The Wiliston Northampton School announces that the following student made the honor roll for the first trimester of the 2019-20 academic year. Chloe Lewis, of Monson, a grade 9 student, achieved honors. Students earning high honors are required to earn a grade point average of 92. Students earning honors are required to earn a grade point average of 87.

Christina Kuss named to dean's list

WORCESTER – Assumption College has announced that Christina Kuss, of Monson, Class of 2021, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester. To be named to the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester.

"Students who are recognized by the Dean's List have demonstrated a commitment to hard work and academic excellence," said Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., president of Assumption College. "These students are dedicated to their academic and intellectual lives, excelling in their programs of study, embodying the College's mission of forming graduates of critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service through a comprehensive Catholic, liberal arts education."

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Protect Yourself Against Long-term Care Costs

If you're fortunate, you'll live independently and in good health throughout your retirement years. However, if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as a stay in a nursing home, would you be financially prepared?

To answer this question, you may want to evaluate two variables: your likelihood of needing long-term care and the cost of such care. Consider the following:

Someone turning age 65 today has an almost 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

Clearly, these numbers are worth thinking about. If you needed several years of long-term care, the expense could seriously erode your savings and investments. And keep in mind that Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of long-term care costs. Therefore, you may want to evaluate the following options for meeting these expenses:

Self-insure – You could "self-insure" against long-term care expenses by designating some of your investment portfolio for this purpose. However, as the above numbers suggest, you'd likely have to put away a lot of money before you felt you were truly protected. This could be especially difficult, given the need to save and invest for the other expenses associated with retirement.

Long-term care insurance – When you purchase long-term care insurance, you are essentially transferring the risk of paying for long-term care from yourself to an insurance company. Some policies pay long-term care costs for a set number of years, while others cover you for life. You can also choose optional features, such as benefits that increase with inflation. And most long-term care policies have a waiting period between 0 and 90 days, or longer, before benefits kick in. You'll want to shop around for a policy that offers the combination of features you think best meet your needs. Also, you'll want an insurer that has demonstrated strength and stability, as measured by independent rating agencies. Here's one final point to keep in mind: Long-term care premiums get more expensive as you get older, so if you're interested in this type of coverage, don't wait too long to compare policies.

Hybrid policy – A "hybrid" policy, such as life insurance with a long-term care/chronic illness rider, combines long-term care benefits with those offered by a traditional life insurance policy. So, if you were to buy a hybrid policy and you never needed long-term care, your policy would pay a death benefit to the beneficiary you've named. Conversely, if you ever do need long-term care, your policy will pay benefits toward those expenses. And the amount of money available for long-term care can exceed the death benefit significantly. Hybrid policies can vary greatly in several ways, so, again, you'll need to do some research before choosing appropriate coverage.

Ultimately, you may decide you're willing to take the chance of never needing any type of long-term care. But if you think that's a risk you'd rather not take, then explore all your coverage options carefully. There's no one right answer for everyone – but there's almost certainly one for you.

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North Brookfield Savings Bank presented a \$2,000 donation to the North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat. From left to right NBSB Senior Vice President of Retail Banking Patty Ostrout, Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter Board Members Sue Lewandowski, Crystal Caron, Ellen Smith with NBSB Assistant Vice President/Marketing Manager and Hearts for Heat board member Caitlin O'Connor. Not shown are Hearts for Heat Board Members Tom Lewandowski, Michele Petraitis and Tina Buzzell.

NBSB helps Hearts for Heat with \$2,000 donation

NORTH BROOKFIELD – North Brookfield Savings Bank is no stranger to helping their neighbors in need when it matters most. With the New Year underway, and winter weather in full swing, the bank is continuing their support of a vital, longtime community partner, the North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat.

Not only has North Brookfield Savings Bank recently made their annual \$2,000 matching donation to help North Brookfield residents stay warm during cold winter months, but the Bank's North Brookfield Branch will kick off 2020 by hosting a community fundraiser "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" to benefit the organization.

Want to donate? Anyone is welcome to visit the North Brookfield Branch location at 9 Gilbert St. in North Brookfield to make their donation into the collection jars at the branch designated for the "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" campaign.

All donations will directly support the North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat, a community-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to confidentially providing payments for fuel, including oil, gas, and wood, to North Brookfield residents on a fixed income, including the elderly, those who are disabled or sick, and unemployed or underemployed individuals and families.

"North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to continue our partnership with the Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter and to help our local neighbors to stay warm," said Caitlin O'Connor, NBSB assistant vice president, marketing manager as well as a NB Hearts for Heat Board Member. "It is an unfortunate truth that many people struggle to afford their fuel payments, often having to make

the difficult choice between heating their homes, feeding their family, or other important needs. Every donation received, no matter what amount, will help local residents of North Brookfield."

North Brookfield Savings Bank is committed to supporting their local communities and knows that just one small act of kindness can extend beyond the initial act. The "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" campaign aligns with the bank's established core values of "support our communities" and "share kindness" and will help bring comfort and peace to local residents.

"With North Brookfield Savings Bank's sustained generosity combined with the kindness and support of our amazing community members, the Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter is able to help our local friends and neighbors who are in need of fuel assistance during the colder months," said Sue Lewandowski, Hearts for Heat North Brookfield Chapter founder and president. "On behalf of the Hearts for Heat Board members, and the North Brookfield residents who are assisted, I wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support."

In addition to the North Brookfield Savings Bank's "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes" campaign, The North Brookfield Chapter of Hearts for Heat will be hosting their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the North Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria, featuring live music, raffles and delicious food, all for a good cause. To learn more about this event visit the Hearts for Heat Facebook page. For more information about Hearts for Heat, visit www.HeartsForHeat.org.

QV CDC receives \$5,000 grant

WARE – The Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation recently received a \$5,000 award from the Massachusetts Bankers Association Charitable Foundation in recognition of its work to better the communities it serves. Daniel Forte, President of the Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) presented a check to QV CDC Executive Director Sheila Cuddy during a reception at the QV CDC's office, located at 23 West Main St., Ware, on Dec. 6.

In her remarks at the reception, Cuddy thanked Monson Savings Bank and North Brookfield Savings Bank for nominating the QV CDC for the award. "This award demonstrates the importance of partnerships between our local banks and non-profit community development organizations," said Cuddy. "Together we build communities." Steven Lowell, president of Monson Savings Bank, Kimberly Cobb, senior vice president and chief financial officer of North Brookfield Savings Bank, and Caitlin O'Connor, assistant vice president and marketing manager for North Brookfield Savings Bank, were on hand for the check presentation. Also present were Ware Town Manager Stuart Beckley and Lucas McDiarmid, aide to state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, who presented a citation to the QV CDC on Gobi's behalf.

Cuddy said the funds awarded will be used to support the QV CDC's programs, which are designed to strengthen the fabric of the business communities and improve the day-to-day lives of residents in the Quaboag Valley region. Along with its sister organization, the Quaboag Val-



Left to right are Kimberly Cobb, senior vice president and CFO of North Brookfield Savings Bank, Daniel Forte, president of the Massachusetts Bankers Association, Dakota DesRochers, QV CDC staff member, Steve Lowell, president of Monson Savings Bank, Alexis Berrios, QV CDC staff member, Sheila Cuddy, QV CDC executive director, and Melissa Fales, QV CDC staff member.

ley Business Assistance Corporation, the QV CDC serves 20 communities in western/central Massachusetts by offering small business loans, providing business-related computer software training, teaching financial capability classes and leading business planning courses.

The QV CDC works with municipalities on projects such as the Quaboag Connector and the Hardwick Senior Outreach Program. In addition, the QV CDC has partnered with Holyoke Community College to bring

education and employment services to downtown Ware at Education to Employment: Quaboag Region Workforce Training and Community College Center. The QV CDC is a private, nonprofit organization in operation since 1995. For more information about the QV CDC and the services it offers, please visit www.QV CDC.org.

The MBA represents approximately 140 banks and savings and loan associations throughout New England. This year, the MBA Charitable Foun-

ation set a new record in its annual year-end community grant season, awarding 45 grants totaling \$172,500. "We are thrilled to be able to provide these gifts," said Patrick J. Murray, chairman of the MBA Charitable Foundation and president and CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank, in Taunton. "This foundation has done so much good work over the year, yet each gift-giving season, we see more need. That's why, each year, we rededicate ourselves to this effort to help in any way we can."

Eagle Scout candidate builds storage shed for Second Chance

NORTH BROOKFIELD – A New Braintree teen is one step closer to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout after months of planning and building. North Brookfield Troop 257 Eagle Scout candidate Lukas Anderson heard that Second Chance Animal Services needed a storage shed to hold all the tools to care for the dog park at the organization's Community Veterinary Hospital in North Brookfield. An animal lover, Anderson solicited a donation from the Brookfields Lions Club, which agreed to fund the entire project.

Anderson stopped by Second Chance to make sure it met the approval of Development Director Lindsay Doray. "We are so grateful for the new shed. Now we don't have to spend time and gas bringing a lawn mower over from the shelter in East Brookfield, and it frees up space in the hospital making more room to care for animals."

Anderson recounted all the weekends it took to complete the project – five in all. "The spring rains and sleet were one of the biggest challenges," he said. He was grateful to his cousin, Andrew Paquette, an Eagle Scout from Troop 257, who earned his rank in 2013. "Andrew was there every weekend, helping however he could," Anderson said.

Anderson has a few finishing touches he wants to put on the shed including a ramp to make it easier to get the mower, and a plaque recognizing the Lions Club for making the shed possible.

Brookfields Lions Club Secretary Jim Buzzell said "the Lion's Club, the Boy Scouts of America and Second Chance all share the common goal of community service. We are proud to support Anderson's Eagle Scout project."

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3, tax-exempt organization that began in 1999



North Brookfield Boy Scout Troop 257 member Lukas Anderson, of New Braintree, stands with Second Chance Development Director Lindsay Doray in front of the storage shed he helped build for his Eagle Scout project.

in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 37,000 pets a

year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

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Skylee McQuaid goes for a layup well ahead of a block attempt.



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Allyson Dube gets a clear shot on the hoop.



Emily Latulippe goes after the loose ball.



Mackayla Weldon attempts a layup for the Pioneers.



Saige Youngberg is all defense as she tries to prevent a shot.

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Theriault leads Palmer's comeback over Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — The Ware girls varsity basketball team walked into the Palmer High School gymnasium last Friday night looking to improve their season record to a perfect 5-0.

The Lady Indians, who had won the first four games of the regular season by an average of 18 points, held a 37-28 lead with

4:37 remaining in the fourth quarter. That's when sophomore guard Maddy Theriault took over the spotlight for the home team.

Theriault scored 12 of her team-leading 17 points down the stretch leading the Lady Panthers to a thrilling 43-39 non-league victory over the Lady Indians before a large vocal crowd.

"Even though we were trailing in the fourth quarter, I knew that we could still make a comeback,"

Theriault said. "I've been playing basketball against Ware since I was in the eighth grade and this is a very big win for us."

Palmer has now won the last three meetings in the rivalry series. They celebrated a 53-45 road win last year and also posted a 53-45 home win two years.

"Ware has been one of our biggest rivals for many years," said

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BASKETBALL



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Danny Fiester attempts to block a shot.



Colby Duggan gets the jump shot for a three-pointer.



Gabe Zippin overcomes a block to get the bank shot.

Monson surge falls short

MONSON — On Friday, Jan. 3, the comeback of Monson fell short in the fourth quarter as Granby outlasted Monson 46-42 in boys basketball action. Monson dropped to 3-3 this season. Colby Duggan led the Mustangs with 12 points while Danny Fiester had 10 points for the Mustangs.

BASKETBALL



Alivia Skowrya makes her way down the court.



Olivia Chrzan makes an inbound pass.



Mia Krupczak pushes a pass around the perimeter.



Photos by Lisa Thomas-DuFresne
A fight for the ball ensues.

ICE HOCKEY

Amherst hockey settling in for playoff run

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Amherst Regional High School hockey team features six players from Palmer this season.

The six Palmer hockey players are sophomore Andrew Martin, sophomore Aiden Valley, sophomore Nick Paul, sophomore Morgan Peritz, sophomore Joe Freniere, and senior Brandon Peritz, an assistant captain.

"All six of the Palmer players are very important to us," said Amherst head coach Mike Rousseau. "We probably wouldn't be a very successful hockey team without them."

In the Hurricanes 5-1 victory over East Longmeadow at the Olympia Ice Center in West Springfield on the day after Christmas, Freniere scored a pair of

goals, which were both assisted by Brandon Peritz.

"It has been a lot of fun playing hockey for Amherst during past couple of years," said Freniere, who joined the hockey team as an eighth grader. "I never thought I would become friends with kids, who go to a high school 30 minutes away from Palmer. We're like brothers."

The Amherst hockey team, which had a 4-1 overall record following the road win versus the Spartans, also has a co-op with Hopkins Academy in Hadley.

"All of the players on this year's team are great kids," Rousseau said. "Everyone gets along with each other very well."

The duo of Freniere and Peritz, who are both forwards, connected for the first time at 7:04

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Mustangs have huge fourth quarter to get past Granby

GRANBY — In their final game before the Christmas holiday, the Monson High School girls basketball team went on

a 25-9 run in the fourth quarter to overtake host Granby 53-43. Granby's defense had shut down the Mustangs for most of

the game before breaking out in the final frame. Kelsey Duggan led the Mustangs with 15 points while Alivia Skowrya had 14

points. She made six free throws and a pair of treys. The Mustangs are 3-2 to start 2020.

Generals come back, beat Warriors in OT

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

ISKDALE — Almost everything went the right way for the Tantasqua Warriors during the first half of the non-league game against Pittsfield.

The Generals, who were trailing by 12 points at halftime, would battle back in the second half with the help of nine 3-pointers and they spoiled the Warriors home opener with a 70-66 overtime victory on Dec. 27.

“Even though we held a 12-point halftime lead, we missed a couple of shots during the first half, which would’ve given us a much larger lead,” said second-year Tantasqua boys varsity basketball coach Scott Dion. “Pittsfield scored 17 points during the final four minutes of the third quarter with the help of a couple of 3-pointers, which kept them in the game. The three-point shot is a great equalizer in the game of basketball.”

Overall, the Generals made nine of their twelve 3-pointers during the second half, while the Warriors made nine 3-pointers in the game.

The Warriors, who had two games postponed, had a 1-1 record following the home loss to Pittsfield.

“We graduated eight seniors from last year’s team, so we’re a brand-new team this year,” Dion said. “Playing in a competitive game like this one is only going to help us win or lose. We’re hoping to play Pittsfield again if we’re able to qualify for the

Western Mass. Division 2 tournament.”

The Warriors, who lost to Northampton in a home quarterfinal game a year ago, have qualified for the Western Mass. Division 2 tournament in each of the past five years. They’ve also won the SWCL-A league title the past five years.

Back in 2016, the Warriors captured the Western Massachusetts Division 2 championship title with a 70-48 victory over the Generals.

One of the Warriors first-year varsity players is sophomore Joe Groccia, who scored 11 of his team-high 19 points versus Pittsfield during the second half. Junior Tyler Hall, who also played for the j.v. team a year ago, scored 17 points. They were the only Tantasqua players to reach double figures in the home opener.

The four returning Warriors varsity players are junior Will Pieczynski (7 points vs. Pittsfield), senior Ben Doros (3 points), senior Griffin Polga (5 points), and senior Troy Lee (6 points).

“Griffin and Troy played a lot of minutes at the varsity level last year and Will played in a few varsity games,” Dion said. “Ben didn’t play in very many varsity games last year, but he’s earning his minutes this year.”

Polga, Lee, and Doros are the Warriors tri-captains this season. They’re also the only seniors listed on the varsity roster.

Pieczynski and Hall are two of the eight juniors on the team.

The other six juniors are

Cooper Hurt, Cameron Varney (7 points), Mike Lucas, Antonio Aviles, Deshean Hutchinson (2 points), and Liam O’Brien.

Groccia and Hunter Hill are the only sophomores listed on the varsity roster.

Trailing 68-66 with less than ten seconds remaining in the first overtime period, the Warriors had the chance to tie the score or take the lead on their final possession, but the Generals stole the ball and made a pair of free throws sealing the road victory.

“We had the ball down two in the final seconds of overtime, but the game wasn’t lost on that possession,” Dion said. “It was lost on all of the other possessions before that when we failed to execute.”

Eight different players scored for Tantasqua during the first half.

The Warriors, who trailed 2-0, scored nine unanswered points to take a 9-2 lead with five minutes left in the opening quarter.

Pittsfield sliced the deficit to 11-9 two minutes later before Varney buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key jump starting a 9-2 run.

Tantasqua, who held a 22-13 advantage entering the second stanza, managed to keep the lead.

The home team led 31-19 with 4:50 left in the half following a Pieczynski base-line jumper.

In the closing seconds of the first half, Hall buried a 3-pointer sending his team into the locker room holding a 36-24 lead.

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Athlete of the Week

Colby Duggan

Monson High School

Colby Duggan led Monson boys basketball with 12 points in a tough matchup with Granby to start 2020.

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Miyah Mega drives to the basket.



Madalyn Theriault and Kendall La-Vasseur attack the rebound.



Madalyn Theriault beats the outstretched arms of the defenders.

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first-year Palmer co-head coach Denise Levasseur, who’s a member of the Palmer Athletic Hall of Fame. “The Palmer and Ware rivalry still lives on and you could feel the emotion in the gym tonight. It always feels nice to win any game that you play, especially one against your rivals.”

Levasseur shares the coaching duties with Amanda Theriault.

The come-from-behind victory snapped the Lady Panthers (2-2) two-game losing streak. They began the regular season with a 65-56 non-league home victory versus Mahar Regional before losing to Agawam and Granby.

Junior guard Madison Cole provided the offensive spark for Palmer in the first half against Ware. She scored 13 of her 16 points during that span. Junior forward Miyah Mega chipped in with six points.

The leading scorer in the game for Ware was junior guard Aidyn Welsh, who finished with a game-high 19 points.

“Aidyn has been one of our leading scorers this year,” said Ware head coach Dan Orszulak. “We just need a few other players to step up and help her out.”

Junior forward Chelsea Orszulak scored seven points and junior guard Olivia Vadnais added five points for the visiting team.

Neither team has a senior listed on their varsity roster.

The Lady Indians (4-1) only made one field goal during the final five minutes of the game.

“We were up by nine points in the fourth quarter and we talked about doing two things during a timeout,” coach Orszulak said. “We wanted to take care of the basketball and get defensive rebounds. We just didn’t do those things down the stretch. It’s a big rivalry game and Palmer just made the plays at the end. They deserved to win the game.”

The Lady Panthers comeback began with a fast-break lay-up by Theriault with 4:15 showing on



Madison Cole looks for an open teammate.

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the scoreboard clock following a missed 3-pointer.

Then an inside basket by eighth grade guard Saige Youngberg, which were her only points of the contest, and a made free throw by Mega closed the gap to 37-33 with 3:09 remaining in regulation.

An old fashion three-point play by Theriault cut the Lady Panthers deficit to 37-36 with 1:32 left.

Theriault made another free throw, which tied the score at 37-37 before making a lay-up giving her team the lead for the first time since the end of the first half with 51 seconds remaining in the contest.

“We wanted to stop Maddy from driving to the basket, but she found a way to do it,” coach Orszulak said. “She was the difference for them down the stretch.”

Nine seconds later, a lay-up by Ware junior center Audrey LaValley (4 points) tied the score for the final time at 39-39.

The Lady Panthers would retake the lead following a Theriault lay-up with 26 seconds left. She also made two made free throws with 5.4 seconds remaining, which sealed the Lady Panthers victory.

“Maddy struggled offensively during the first three quarters, but she stepped up and took over the

game during the fourth quarter,” coach Theriault said. “This win should give us a lot of confidence going forward.”

Cole made three 3-pointers during the first quarter, which gave the Lady Panthers a 14-8 lead entering the second quarter.

The Lady Indians outscored the Lady Panthers 17-9 during the second quarter.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Welsh and Vadnais tied the score at 14-14 with 6:55 left in the first half.

A Mega 3-pointer and a jumper by Cole gave the Lady Panthers a 23-18 lead with 2:40 remaining.

The Lady Indians scored the last seven points of the first half and headed into the locker room with a 25-23 advantage. Ware took the lead when Welsh made a pair of free throws following a technical foul.

The third quarter was a defensive battle, as the two teams combined to score a total of 11 points.

The Lady Indians built a 37-28 lead by scoring the first seven points of the fourth quarter, but the Lady Panthers battled back to win their first game of 2020.

Round two between the archrivals is scheduled to take place at Ware High School on Jan. 18.

The week ahead

Palmer High School

Boys Basketball
 Thursday, Jan. 9 **Away** Hopkins 7:30 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 15 **Away** South Hadley 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
 Friday, Jan. 10 **Away** Belchertown 7 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 13 **Home** Monson 7 p.m.

Ice Hockey (co-op with Amherst Regional)
 Saturday, Jan. 11 **Home** Wahconah 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 16 **Away** W. Springfield 6:30 p.m.

Swimming
 Friday, Jan. 10 **Home** Ludlow 4 p.m.

Monson High School

Boys Basketball
 Thursday, Jan. 9 **Away** Renaissance 7 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 13 **Away** Pathfinder 7 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 15 **Away** Ware 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
 Friday, Jan. 10 **Home** Baystate Academy 7 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 13 **Away** Palmer 7 p.m.
 Wed., Jan. 15 **Away** St. Mary’s 5:30 p.m.

Swimming
 Friday, Jan. 10 **Home** South Hadley 4 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 14 **Home** West Springfield 4 p.m.

Pathfinder High School

Boys Basketball
 Friday, Jan. 10 **Away** Smith Voke 7 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 13 **Home** Gateway 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball
 Thursday, Jan. 9 **Home** Commerce 6 p.m.
 Friday, Jan. 10 **Home** North Brookfield 7 p.m.
 Monday, Jan. 13 **Away** North Brookfield 7 p.m.

Wrestling
 No meet this week

Media open house slated for tournament proposal

There will be a media session for the MIAA State Wide Tournament Presentation from the MIAA Tournament Management Committee (TMC) on Thursday, Jan. 9 at the MIAA offices in Franklin from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The MIAA will hold a media open house with TMC representatives Jim O’Leary (St. John’s Prep), Johanna DiCarlo (Westbor-

ough), Shaun Hart (Burlington) and Sherry Bryant (MIAA Liaison) to present the MIAA State-wide Tournament Proposal. A question and answer session will follow the brief presentation.

On behalf of member schools, the TMC committed two-years to the development of the current Statewide Tournament Proposal. Numerous TMC presentations at

various venues led to membership feedback, suggestions and recommendations which sparked and guided TMC discussions resulting in the development of this updated proposal. This presentation will provide the most recent proposal which has received support from the MIAA Board of Directors.

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of the first period giving the Hurricanes a 1-0 lead.

“My first goal wasn’t very pretty,” Freniere said. “I just flipped the puck into the net past the goalie.”

It was Freniere’s third goal of the season. He only scored two goals as a freshman.

“Joe has been playing hockey for us for two or three years now,” Rousseau said. “We’ve been waiting for him to break out of his shell. He’s one of the fastest players in our league and he showed it tonight. His potential is limitless and I’m very proud of him.”

Brandon Peritz has been a member of the Amherst hockey team since he was a freshman. He was selected as an assistant captain by Rousseau.

“Brandon is the only senior from Palmer on this year’s team,” Rousseau said. “He was a member of our fourth line as a freshman and now he’s an assistant captain. He has worked very hard and he’s also matured a lot during the past

couple of years.”

Senior defenseman Eli Slovien is the Hurricanes captain and sophomore forward Kouji Ishida is the other assistant captain this year.

Brandon’s younger sister, Morgan, is also a returning member of the hockey team. She has made the switch from defense to forward this season. Whenever Morgan is on the ice, she takes all of the face-offs.

“Morgan is our face-off dynamo this year and she always does everything that I ask her to do,” Rousseau said. “I’ve been coaching hockey for the past twenty years and it’s the first time that I’ve had a female center. She’s a very tough kid and she doesn’t back down from anyone on the ice. I’m looking forward to coaching Morgan for the next couple of years.”

Valley, who’s a forward, Paul, who’s a defenseman, and Martin, who’s a forward, also saw playing time in the victory against East Longmeadow.

“When the sophomores joined the hockey team last year, they

didn’t know our system,” Rousseau said. “They do know the system a lot better now and they also know what their role is on the team.”

Ishida and sophomore forward Chris Foster scored goals for the Hurricanes during the second period.

Foster scored another goal, which was assisted by Ishida, seven minutes into the third period giving the Hurricanes a commanding 4-1 advantage.

The duo of Freniere and Peritz hooked up again with 6:38 remaining in regulation.

“Brandon made a perfect pass to me and I was able to score my second goal of the game,” Freniere said. “I really enjoy playing on the same hockey team with Brandon and the other players from Palmer.”

While the five sophomores from Palmer High School have two more years to play hockey for Amherst, it’s the final season for Brandon Peritz, who’s looking to end his high school hockey career on top.

DEATH NOTICES

Auby, Thomas J.
Died Dec. 30, 2019
Funeral Mass Jan. 9, 2020
St. Thomas Church
Palmer

Binkley, Doris (Montville)
Died Jan. 3, 2020
Calling hours Jan. 11, 2020
Williamsburg Funeral Home
Haydenville

Doolin, John J.
Died Jan. 5, 2020
All services are private
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home
Palmer

Elderkin, Alice K. (Miller)
Died Dec. 25, 2019
Memorial service Jan. 11, 2020
Silver St. Chapel
Monson

Gola, Alfred G.
Died Dec. 31, 2019
Funeral services Jan. 13, 2020
Lombard Funeral Home
Monson

Henrye, Cecile B.
Died December 18, 2019
Memorial Mass Jan. 14, 2020, 10 am
St. Patrick's Church
Monson

McKee, Lydia W. (Witkowski)
Died Dec. 31, 2019
Funeral Mass Jan. 13, 2020
Divine Mercy Church
Three Rivers

McMahon, Julie A.
Died Dec. 20, 2019
Services at the convenience of the
family
Wilbraham Funeral Home
Wilbraham

Mercier, Gertrude A.
Died Dec. 25, 2019
Funeral Mass Jan. 2, 2019
Divine Mercy Parish
Three Rivers

Molleur, Geraldine (Buchanan)
Died Dec. 29, 2019
Celebration of life in the spring
Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home
York, Maine

Owens, Elaine E.
Died Dec. 29, 2019
Funeral services are private

Reynolds, Helen M. (Planta)
Died Jan. 2, 2020
Calling hours Jan. 11, 2020
Beers & story Palmer Funeral Home
Palmer

Stack, Rose Marie (Baldina)
Died Dec. 30, 2019
Funeral Services Jan. 10, 2020
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home
Palmer

O B I T U A R I E S

Thomas “TJ” Auby

PALMER – Thomas Jerold “TJ” Auby, 31, sadly lost his battle to addiction on Dec. 30, 2019. He was born Nov. 1, 1988, the beloved son of Thomas G. and Jane (Yakum) Auby, of Palmer.

TJ has lived in Palmer for most of his life. Growing up, he enjoyed playing football, snowboarding and playing the guitar. He graduated from Holyoke Catholic High School and went on to pursue his education with C & C training at Pathfinder. As a tool maker, TJ had been working at Dielectrics in Chicopee, where his sense of humor and quick wit was appreciated. TJ loved working on his Saab and going to car shows. His knack for poetry was a true gift along

with being a self-taught musician. More than anything, TJ loved being a Dad and spending time with his son. His parents will forever cherish the memory of their youngest son.

TJ’s love will also remain with his son, who was the light of his life, Mason Auby, his siblings, Lianne Azevedo, of Wilbraham, Kathy O’Brien Piscitelli, of Florida, Karen Scheurer, of Brookfield, along with 17 nieces and nephews and 21 great-nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his best Uncle Jerry, and mother to his son, Amanda Kingston.



Visitation was on Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Beers & Story Funeral Home. A funeral Mass is Thursday, at 11 a.m., at St. Thomas Church with burial in St. Anne’s Cemetery. Friends and family may gather at the funeral home at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, kindly make a donation to benefit his son, Mason through Go Fund Me or the account that has been set up at Country Bank, Mason Charles Auby Benefit fund.

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Doris Binkley

PALMER – Doris (Montville) Binkley, 92, reunited with her late husband of 55 years, Fred, her daughter, Kathleen, and her mother, Emma, among other family members, on Jan. 3, at Hospice of the Fisher Home.

She leaves behind her daughter, Susan, granddaughter, Amanda, and grandson, Michael, his wife, Melissa, their children, Mercury and Raven, and a dear “honorary” daughter, June Bishop.

Doris was a highly regarded

secretary at Monarch and Mass Mutual, and a stay-at-home mom. She will be remembered for being a sweet and devoted wife and mother. She was a good cook, loved to garden, laugh, travel and play the organ. Although she often lied about her age, we were proud that she was in her 90s with beautifully soft and unwrinkled skin. She loved



butterflies and flowers, and they will always remind us of her.

Calling hours are Saturday, Jan. 11, at 1 to 3 p.m., at Williamsburg Funeral Home, 3 South Main St., Haydenville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Fisher Home in Amherst, or the Wounded Warrior Project.

John J. Doolin

THREE RIVERS – John J. Doolin, 88, of Overlook Drive, passed away on Jan. 5, 2020. Born Aug. 31, 1931, in Springfield, son of John and Margaret (Hiney) Doolin.

John served his country in

the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a supervisor at the bulk mail facility.

John was predeceased by his wife Bethany A. (Ridley) Doolin in 2016. He is survived by a

step-daughter, Lauri Landry, of Palmer, his sister, Mary LaValley, of Ware, and nephews, Mark and Michael LaValley. All service are private and Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.

Alice Elderkin

PALMER – Alice Katherine Elderkin (Miller), 84, of Palmer, entered Heaven’s gate on Dec. 25, 2019. She was born on May 24, 1935, to Robert and Amy (Sweetland) Miller.

Alice was the youngest of 18 children to grow up on Black Walnut Farm on Hovey Road, in Monson. Since childhood, she was gardening and tending to the farm and she enjoyed growing flowers, vegetables and picking berries until her old age. She especially enjoyed caring for the plants at Miller Memorial Park, and being there with her family. She spent many years working at the Eastern States

Exposition and took delight in watching the horse shows. She was known among family and friends for being a good listener and always wearing a smile.

She is survived by her three loving children: Roy Elderkin, of Enfield, Connecticut, Lyn DesRochers and Lura Elderkin, both of Upton, as well as her three surviving sisters: Joan Pierce, of Palmer, Theresa Dvorchak, of Monson, and Barbara Boudreau, of Bangor, Maine. She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren:



Jaton, Raymond, Dakota, and Amelia, and her two great-grandchildren, Gage and Luca. She was a devoted aunt to over 50 nieces and nephews, and their children. She touched many lives, and will be held dearly in our hearts.

At Alice’s request, her body will be donated to the University of Massachusetts for the advancement of science. A memorial service will be held on Jan. 11th at 2 p.m. at the Silver St. Chapel, 224 Silver St. in Monson.

Alfred G. Gola

MONSON – Alfred G. “Abe” Gola, passed away, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019 surrounded by the love of family at Quabbin Valley Healthcare Center in Athol. Abe was born in Monson, July 30, 1925 to the late Anthony M. and Caroline (Tomczyk) Gola.

He was a lifelong resident of Monson where he graduated from Monson Academy in 1947, and New England Institute of Embalming and Funeral Directing in 1949. He was a World War II Army Air Corp veteran. Abe retired from the U.S. Post Office where he was a rural carrier in Wilbraham for many years. Alfred was a communicant of St. Patrick’s Church in Monson. He was a lifetime member of the Monson

Polish Club and served as president for many years. He was a member of the rural carrier association, past member of the Monson Conservation Board, past member of the Monson Fire Department for 22 years and retired as assistant chief in 1979.

Alfred was predeceased by his wife, Matilda (Kaczmarczyk), in 2012. He is survived by his daughters, Deborah Gola Taylor, of Athol, Rebecca Gola of Rego Park, N.Y., and his son, Anthony Gola, of Windsor, and several nieces and nephews. Alfred was also predeceased by his brother, John E. Gola, and sisters, Sophie



Dalton, Delia Authier and Bertha Samkin.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Jan. 13, 2020 at Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson. A visiting hour will be from 9:30 to 10:30 in the funeral home. Liturgy of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick’s Church, 22 Green St.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to National Audubon Society 225 Varick St. New York, N.Y. 10014.

For online condolences/directions please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

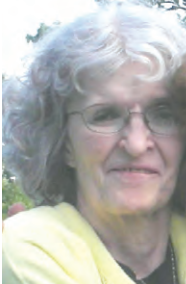
O B I T U A R I E S

Cecile B. Henrye

WILBRAHAM – Cecile B. Henrye, 69, of Wilbraham, died on Dec. 18, 2019, following a brief illness. Born in Holyoke, she was a lifelong resident of the Springfield area. She was predeceased by her parents, Arthur and Cecile (Nadeau) Henrye. She is survived by a sister, Suzanne C. Lagacy (Ed), of Monson, a nephew, Michael Cote, and her dear friends, Margot Johnson and Janice Muldrew, also of Monson.

Cecile was a sensitive and gentle soul. She treasured memories of her childhood and fam-

ily: her growing up in the north end of Springfield, camping trips in New Hampshire, happy summers spent at a family cabin on the Connecticut River. She was a lover of the beauty of nature, and was an avid walker and hiker, her favorite destination being the Quabbin Reservoir. She loved her cats, art, dancing, music, Johnny Depp and cute, quirky decor. A woman of deep



faith, she prayed earnestly for those she loved. She was caring and thoughtful, a good listener, a devoted friend.

A memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m., at St. Patrick’s Church, 22 Green St., Monson. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Wilbraham Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Lydia W. McKee

PALMER – Lydia W. (Witkowski) McKee, 88, passed away Dec. 31, 2019. Born July 13, 1931, in Palmer, she was the daughter of Ignacy and Bernice (Serowik) Witkowski.

Lydia has been a lifelong resident of Palmer and worked for over 25 years at Monsanto in the accounting department. For the past 22 years, she has been the faithful parish secretary to Fr. Stefan and Divine Mercy Parish. Devoted to her church, she was a member of the Women’s Sodality and a former member of the church choir. She also volunteered at the Wing Memorial Hospital and in her leisure enjoyed spending time at Hampton

Beach as well as painting. She was a regular customer at her favorite lunch spots, namely Friendly’s and Burgundy Brook, most often accompanied by her dear friend, Fr. Stefan.

Besides her parents and her seven older siblings, she was predeceased by her husband, Earl. Lydia will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, extended family and fellow parishioners.

Visitation will be Sunday Jan. 12, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral



Home. A funeral Mass will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Divine Mercy Church with burial to follow beside her husband in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. Friends and family may gather at the funeral home at 9 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, for those wishing to honor her memory, please make donations to Divine Mercy, 2267 Main St, Three Rivers, 01080.

For details visit www.beersandstory.com.

Julie A. McMahon

LUDLOW – Julie Ann McMahon, 58, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully after a long illness on Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 at Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Technical High School in Springfield. She worked for the U.S. Postal Ser-

vice for over 20 years at the Bulk Mail Center in Springfield. Julie was predeceased by her father, Wesley McMahon. She will be sadly missed by her mother, Judith (Bonelli) McMahon, of Bondsville, and her sister, Wendy Dill, of Florida.

Arrangements will be at the

convenience of the family. Wilbraham Funeral Home is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA, 01104.

Gertrude Mercier

THREE RIVERS – Gertrude “Trudy” A. Mercier, 91, passed away Dec. 25, 2019, surrounded by her loving children. Daughter of Edward and Helen (Mastalerz) Magiera. Trudy was born on July 30, 1928, in Palmer.

She previously worked as a secretary for many years prior to her retirement. A devout Catholic, Trudy was an active member at Divine Mercy Parish in Three Rivers. She was very active in her community as a member of the Polish Woman’s Club, the Wing Auxiliary Club and the Professional Secretary’s Association,

where she once served a year as president. Trudy loved reading murder mystery novels and dancing. She also enjoyed going to plays and going out to eat her favorite eggplant parmesan for dinner. She is best described as compassionate and friendly to all. She had an overwhelming love for life and enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

Trudy was preceded in death by her husband, Louis J. Mercier, Jr. in 2009, and her sister, Evelyn Reim, in 2019. Trudy will be greatly missed by her two daughters, Lisa Jangrow and

her husband, Ray, and Pam Mercier, as well as her sister, Dorothy Sikorski. She leaves behind many friends and family who loved her dearly. A funeral Mass was held on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m., at Divine Mercy Parish in Three Rivers. Please meet directly at the church. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Dakin Humane Society or Baystate VNA and Hospice.

Geraldine B. Molleur

YORK, MAINE – Geraldine B. Molleur, age 91, passed away peacefully on Dec. 29, 2019, at her home in York, Maine, with her daughters by her side. She was born on Aug. 28, 1928 in Lynn, to Edward Buchanan and Roselyn Griswold. Gerry was a life-long resident of Palmer until moving to York, Maine in 2015 to live closer to her daughters.

Gerry worked for AT & T in the very early days, when she could be heard saying “telephone operator, number please.” She worked at the Palmer Public Library for 36 years until her retirement at the age of 81. She drove the bookmobile and later served as reference librarian. Gerry was very involved in many community activities including serving as a board member of the Visiting Nurse Association, a member of the Palmer Women’s Club, English as a Second Language program developer, a member of the Rosary Sodality at St. Thomas Church as well as

a CCD teacher there.

Gerry was always an animal lover and cats had a way of finding her. She saved countless strays that always had a way of becoming part of the family. “Mamma Kitty” retired to York from Palmer as well where she lived to the “purrfect” age of at least 22-years-old.

Gerry loved shopping trips to tag sales, thrift shops and going out to lunch with her daughters and friends. She was an enthusiastic New England Patriots’ fan and rarely missed a game. She loved to travel and was always ready for an adventure. She volunteered at the library in her retirement community and enjoyed all the new friends she met there.

She married her high school sweetheart, Reginald Molleur, who predeceased her in 1992. In addition she was predeceased



by her brother, Neil Buchanan, and her sister, Shirley (Forsman) Garrow.

She is survived by her daughters, Leslie Molleur, of York, Maine, Carolyn Molleur (David Boring), of Nobleboro, Maine, and her granddaughter, Carolyn Molleur-Hinteregger (Adam Travis), of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Gerry was very excited about the upcoming birth of her first great grandchild expected in February. Her family was delighted to have her with them for Christmas where they all enjoyed gifts and a wonderful meal. She leaves behind many lifelong friends, her sister-in-law, Muriel Quinn, and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration in her honor is planned for the spring.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 11 Wales Road, Monson, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Curt L. Jameson and Chantelle D. Jameson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, said mortgage dated October 21, 2017, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 21932 at Page 146 and now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. to Freedom Mortgage Corporation dated January 21, 2019 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 22528 at Page 447 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

EXHIBIT A
Real property in the City of **MONSON**, County of **HAMPDEN**, State of **Massachusetts**, described as follows:

ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF THE ROAD LEADING FROM MONSON TO WALES, AT AN IRON PIN TWO HUNDRED NINE AND 90/100 (209.90) FEET EASTERLY MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF SAID ROAD FROM THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WILLIAM P. STONE; THENCE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY BY SAID WALES ROAD TO LAND CONVEYED TO ONE FRANK E. THOMPSON BY DEED DATED APRIL 17, 1893, RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 507, PAGE 553 (BELIEVED LATER TO BE LAND OF ONE LEVEILLE); THENCE RUNNING

WESTERLY BY LAST NAMED LAND AND LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE GEORGE H. THOMPSON; THENCE RUNNING NORTHWESTERLY BY AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N 66° 29' 00" W, BY LAST NAMED LAND AND BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE ADA M. BERSELLI, TO AN IRON PIPE AT LAND OF JAMES H. TONER, WHICH IRON PIPE IS ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 61/100 (139.61) FEET FROM THE IRON PIPE AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ON A ASSUMED BEARING OF S 21° 33' 50" W FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUNNING

NORTH 21° 33' 50" E ALONG SAID LAND OF JAMES H. TONER, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 61/100 (139.61) FEET TO THE IRON PIN AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE AFORESAID BOUNDS AND BEARINGS ARE SHOWN ON A PLAN MADE FOR JAMES H. TONER BY RICHARD H. STOWE, R.I.S. DATED AUGUST 5, 1970, REVISED SEPTEMBER 9, 1970, RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK OF PLANS 124, PAGE 1.

BEING ALL OF THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CURT L. JAMESON AND CHANTELLE D. JAMESON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY FROM JAMES RUSSELL BELMER AND SHARON A. BELMER (A/K/A SHARON A. MAHARNE), HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED JUNE 20, 2014 AND RECORDED JUNE 20, 2014 IN/AS BOOK 20321, PAGE 370 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 20321 at Page 370 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
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270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(860) 677-2868
1/02, 1/09, 1/16/2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN [seal]

No. 19TL001006
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and to Richard E. Murch, James Murch, also known as James A. Murch, Barbara Murch, also known as Barbara H. Murch, all deceased, all formerly of Mystic, New London County, in the State of Connecticut; William Murch and Thomas Murch, both now or formerly of Mystic, New London County, in the State of Connecticut; or their heirs, devisees or legal representatives:

Whereas, a complaint has been presented to said Court by the Town of Holland, in the County of Hampden, and said Commonwealth, to foreclose all rights of redemption from the tax lien proceedings described in said complaint in and concerning a certain parcel of land situate in said Holland, in the County of Hampden, and in said Commonwealth, bounded and described in said complaint as follows:

Property Location: Old Turnpike Rd.

Description of Parcel: a parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing about 43560 Sq. Ft. being described as Map:3 Block:B Lot:2 in the office of the Assessors of the Town of Holland identified Book 4766 on Page 328 at the Hampden county registry of deeds.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said complaint you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer, under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said complaint, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Courthouse located on **Three Pemberton Square, Room 507 in Boston, MA 02108**), on or before the **twenty-fourth day of February in the year two thousand and twenty**.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said complaint will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said complaint or any judgment entered thereon.

And in addition to the usual service of this notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing citation be published forthwith once in the Palmer Journal Register a newspaper published in Palmer.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER**, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court, this thirtieth day of December in the year two thousand and nineteen.

Attest with Seal of said Court.

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Michael R. Siddall, Esq.,
Siddall & Siddall, P.C.,
Sovereign Bank Building,

1350 Main St., Suite 210,
Springfield, MA 01103-1628 (413) 732-3600
1/09/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 148 Palmer Road, Monson, MA 01057
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Martin P. Miedzinski and Holly A. Cheman to RBS Citizens, N.A., and now held by Citizens Bank, N.A. f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.**, said mortgage dated November 16, 2012 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19569, Page 192, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on January 21, 2020 at 1:00PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THE LAND IN MONSON WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THE PALMER AND MONSON HIGHWAY, BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY AT CORNER OF STONE WALL OF WHAT WAS FORMERLY THE COOLEY LOT; THENCE NORTH IN WEST LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY, 191 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE WEST IN LINE OF LAND FORMERLY OF ONE ALLEN TO THE NEW LONDON AND NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S LAND; THENCE SOUTH IN LINE OF LAND OF SAID RAILWAY COMPANY, 191 FEET TO LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE ALLEN; THENCE EAST IN A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID DESCRIBED TRACT, AND 191 FEET SOUTH OF SAME, TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID PALMER AND MONSON HIGHWAY AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING SO MUCH THEREOF AS WAS TAKEN BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE WIDENING OF THE STATE HIGHWAY AS EVIDENCED BY AN INSTRUMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1937 AND RECORDED IN HAMPDEN COUNTY DEEDS BOOK 1387, PAGE 275.

SUBJECT TO SEWER RIGHTS IF THE SAME NOW EXIST.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO **MARTIN P. MIEDZINSKI AND HOLLY A. CHEMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, BOTH BY DEED FROM EILEEN HINGLEY A/K/A FRANCES E. HINGLEY** RECORDED 05/15/1998 IN DEED BOOK 10284 PAGE 001, IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS PLAN FOR HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

PARCEL ID: 130 4

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 13, 1998 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10284, Page 1.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after

the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
N.A.
f/k/a RBS Citizens, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
401-217-8701
12/26/2019, 1/02, 1/09/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD19P2470EA Estate of:

Joyce M Curving
Date of Death: 08/24/2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Douglas Curving** of Northbridge, MA and **Jason P Curving** of Holland, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Douglas Curving** of Northbridge, MA and **Jason P Curving** of Holland, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on **01/24/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 30, 2019
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
1/09/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Steven F. DeMarco, Delena DeMarco** to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated September 24, 2003 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13620, Page 567, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated November 19, 2018, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22499, Page 355, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on January 29, 2020**, on the mortgaged premises located at 4 Lake George Road,

Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The premises known as Lot 2, Lake George Road a/k/a 4 Lake George Road, Wales, Massachusetts. To Wit: Being Lot 2 on a plan of lots recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 248, Page 81, to which reference may be had for a more particular description. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by Deed of Marie H. Fish et als dated 03-17-00 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11128, Page 563.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA S/B/M TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC. Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
17629
1/02, 1/09, 1/16/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **JEANETTE L. DRISCOLL to SOUTHBIDGE SAVINGS BANK** dated December 15, 2008 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 17580, Page 387 (the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned (the "Mortgagee") is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020** at the mortgaged premises located on or near 55 Leno Road, Holland, Massachusetts (the "Premises"), all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit:

"The land with the buildings thereon in Holland, Hampden County, Massachusetts on the northerly side of Lead Mine Road, sometimes called Leno Road, bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the corner of the stone wall on the northerly side of the Lead Mine Road, said pin being the South East corner of the "Morse Lot", so-called;
THENCE North 63° 74' W. along the Lead Mine Road for a distance of 403.28 feet to an iron pin set in the stone wall;

THENCE N. 45° 23' E. along land formerly of Stanton L. & Gladys D. Bradley a distance of 520.10 feet to an iron pin at the side of the old wood road leading from the Lead Mine Road in a northerly direction to land formerly of Stanton L. & Gladys D. Bradley;

THENCE S. 62° 54' E. 143.72 feet to an iron pin in the stone wall, which is the line wall between the aforementioned Morse lot and land formerly of Georgiana A. Dupuis, sometimes called the Raitigan Place;

THENCE S. 15° 24' W. along the line wall a distance of 453.91 feet to a drill hole in a large stone at an angle of the line wall;

THENCE S. 20° 50' W. along the line wall a distance of 46.09 feet to an iron pin at the corner of the wall at the side of Lead Mine Road, which pin is the point of beginning.

BEING an area of 3.06 acres, more or less, as designated on a map by Theodore P. Drazek, Registered Land Surveyor, North Brookfield, Mass., dated September 22, 1964.

Subject to easements for poles and wires across the southwest corner of the premises.

Subject to a right of way over the herein mentioned old wood road from the Lead Mine Road to land northerly of the herein described premises.

Subject to restrictions of record.
BEING the same premises conveyed to Jeanette L. Driscoll by deed from Devon T. Driscoll and Jeanette L. Driscoll dated October 27, 2008 and recorded immediately prior hereto in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17580, page 384."

The description of the Premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The Premises, together with all improvements encumbered by the Mortgage, are to be sold and conveyed subject to all leases, tenancies, occupancies, mortgages, restrictions, covenants, orders of conditions, easements, encroachments, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, federal and state tax liens, other liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances recorded prior to the Mortgage and/ or otherwise having priority over the Mortgage, if there be any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS, non-refundable, is to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check and deed to be taken by purchaser within thirty (30) days of the sale at the offices of Seder & Chandler, LLP, 339 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, attorneys for the Mortgagee.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the adjourned sale.

In the event of the failure or inability of the purchaser to perform and to purchase the Premises in accordance herewith, the Mortgagee reserves the right (but is not obligated) to accept, subject to the Memorandum of Sale, the second highest bid for the Premises, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons. In the event that the Mortgagee offers the Premises to the second highest bidder and such person declines either to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price or to sign the Memorandum of Sale, then the Mortgagee may elect (but is not obligated) to exercise the rights of the second highest bidder under this paragraph and to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.

Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale.

CORNERSTONE BANK, successor by merger to Southbridge Savings Bank
Present holder of said Mortgage
Jennifer L. Conrad, Esq.
SEDER & CHANDLER, LLP
339 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 757-7721
Attorneys for the Mortgagee

FRANCIS J. TRAPASSO & ASSOCIATES
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Worcester, MA 01609
(508) 798-0287
Auctioneer, License No. 252
1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

der under this paragraph and to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.

Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 184 Bumstead Road, Monson, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Caleb A. Giard** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust, said mortgage dated August 29, 2017, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 21834 at Page 352 and now held by The Money Source Inc. by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust to The Money Source Inc., dated June 20, 2019 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22741, Page 32 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 31, 2020 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, and is described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN BRIMFIELD, COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS WITH A STREET LOCATION ADDRESS OF 97 BROOKFIELD ROAD, BRIMFIELD, MA 01010 CURRENTLY OWNED BY JAUQUELINE M. KING AND ROY H. KING, JR. AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE VESTING DOCUMENT DATED 03/06/98, RECORDED ON 03/10/98, IN LIBER 10190 PAGE 276 AND DESIGNATED AS METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 10190 at Page 276 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for MTGLQ Investors, LP
12/26/2019, 1/02, 1/09/2020

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence

over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
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Attorney for The Money Source Inc.
Present Holder of the Mortgage
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1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 97 Brookfield Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Roy H. King Jr. and Jaqueline M. King** to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., said mortgage dated April 22, 2005, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 15057 at Page 113 and now held by MTGLQ Investors, LP by virtue of an assignment from Wells Fargo USA Holdings, incorporated, successor by merger to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Incorporated to MTGLQ Investors, LP dated December 5, 2017 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 21984 at Page 305, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **January 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, and is described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN BRIMFIELD, COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS WITH A STREET LOCATION ADDRESS OF 97 BROOKFIELD ROAD, BRIMFIELD, MA 01010 CURRENTLY OWNED BY JAUQUELINE M. KING AND ROY H. KING, JR. AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE VESTING DOCUMENT DATED 03/06/98, RECORDED ON 03/10/98, IN LIBER 10190 PAGE 276 AND DESIGNATED AS METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 10190 at Page 276 with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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NOW

INTERESTED IN QUILTING?

The Quaboag Valley Quilters Guild is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

CHURCH CABOOSE THRIFT SHOP at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer has bargains on clothing, household items, linens, books, crafts and more. Come and see Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 283-6958 for more information.

THE MONSON LIONS CLUB has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M. located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

MONSON WOODWACKERS wood carving club will meet every Thursday at Memorial Hall, 198 Main St., Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

PALMER SALVATION ARMY Service Extension Unit offers residents in Palmer and Brimfield emergency assistance on a periodic basis. The outreach coordinator will be located on the second floor of St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church at 1060 Central St., Palmer. You must schedule an appointment by calling 413-221-8283 so you know what documentation to bring since those seeking assistance have to meet certain criteria and show proof of need. Please leave your name, number and the date you called. Phone messages are checked weekly, not daily.

MONSON SALVATION ARMY Service Extension Unit offers residents in Monson and bordering towns emergency assistance on a periodic basis including funds for fuel and utilities, food, clothing, diapers, furniture and prescriptions. Clients can meet the second Monday of each month (if that date falls on a holiday, it will be the following week) from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. To schedule an appointment, call 267-4121 so you know what documentation to bring.

BOOKSTORE at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children’s books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

MARTHA’S TABLE STAFF at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church is supporting the Monson Open

Pantry by providing a meal once a month to anyone who will bring a non-perishable food item. Staff have begun packing and delivering the meals in cooperation with the Monson Senior Center. The meal is served at the church, 162 Main St., Monson on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information call 267-3798.

SENIOR LUNCHEON. The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday – Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested donation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

GAME NIGHT will be held at Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Public Library the second Tuesday of each month: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 (2019) and Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 10 (2020) from 6-7:45 p.m. There is no fee or registration required, and attendants must be 16 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. Games include Scrabble, Cribbage, Monopoly, Rummy, Chess, Checkers, Uno, Yahtzee, Bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8’s, Hearts, Dominos, etc. Attendees may bring their own. For more information call 283-2329 or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

MAKE A DONATION to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

PASTEL WORKSHOP The Monson Free Library at 2 High St., will host award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack to present an adult hands-on workshop, “Pastel Paint the Miracle Flowers,” on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This pastel-painting workshop, is designed for sheer beginners to experienced artists, 18 and over, and all supplies are provided. Seats may fill quickly so please call 413-267-3866 to pre-register. This program is free for participants and is funded by the Monson Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

PHOTO EXHIBIT RECEPTION The Springfield Photographic Society will display a photography exhibit entitled “The Agriculture of New England” in the Community Room of the Palmer Public Library located at 1455 North Main St., during operating hours from Jan. 2 to Jan. 30. A public reception will be held at the Palmer Library on Saturday, Jan. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many of the photographers will be there and available to talk about this project. Information will be available about the Springfield Photographic Society and what it does as a club. The show comprises 35 topics taken from 23 different club photographers.

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS Edward Jones will answer questions about social security on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 5:30 p.m., at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 N. Main St. in Palmer. There will be a presentation that includes how Social Security fits into peoples’ retirement income plans, when to take benefits and information regarding taxes. Those who would like to attend are asked to please call 413-289-1875 by Jan. 23.

ONGOING

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED - Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? “Christianity Explored” is a

study which seeks to answer these questions from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-267-5025.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield include strength training classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.; Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.; gentle arthritis and chair yoga combo classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday of the monthly (\$1 per card, 25 cents per game, cover-all price \$10); There is a suggested donation of \$2 for 55 and up and \$3 for under 55. Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with reservations required by 11 a.m. on the previous day. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Planning, crocheting and knitting is offered the first Friday of each month and massage with Vicki is offered the third Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m., by appointment only. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes and \$15 for 20 minutes. For more information call 413-245-7253.

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM is closed for winter and will re-open on April 5, 2020 at 35 Ely Rd., Monson. Nature trails are open daily for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. New trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts) For more information call 413-267-4137, email khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit www.keephomesteadmuseum.org

BAYSTATE WING AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP sells unique merchandise at reasonable prices. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with some weekend hours extended during the holidays. All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Hospital, a major part of the community, and provide scholarships to seniors graduating from local high schools. Call 413-370-8169 for more information.

MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED by the Monson Democratic Town Committee that holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Polish American Citizens Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson at 7 p.m.

HAVE YOU HAD A BABY RECENTLY? If you are living in the Palmer, Monson or surrounding communities and you have a newborn baby, call the Palmer Monson Family Network at 283-6246 to get your free canvas bag packing with information for you and practical goodies for your baby. The Family Network, a Collaborative for Educational Services program, is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

PLAY & LEARN DROP-IN TIME is happening throughout the school year at the Palmer Monson Family Network on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11:30am. The free playgroup includes free play time, snack and circle time and is open to all families and caregivers and their children from 0-5 years old. All PMFN programs are free. The PMFN is located at 4 Springfield St. in Three Rivers and is a program of the Collaborative of Educational Services and receives funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care. For more information call 283-6246.

INFANT AND TODDLER TIME at the Palmer Monson Family Network is available for families with little ones from 0-24 months of age. The free program happens throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and provides a fun environment for families and caregivers to connect with others with young children. Snack and circle time are included. Call 283-6246 for more information.

HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 40 Brimfield Holland, has announced the following recurring events: Stay Fit classes with Sharon on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., Dance Fit with Alice on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Low Impact Workout with Debbie Sichel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Yoga with Sharon on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Tai Chi with David Masera every other Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information call 413-245-3163.

STORYTELLING WITH COLLEEN LOWE-SMITH at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. In this group, participants will reflect together on life experiences and practice the art of listening as well as telling.

Celebrate one another’s unique stories, inspire one another, create empathy, discover wisdom, and provoke one another to reflect more deeply on one’s own experiences, Participants are welcome to just listen or to tell a story. There is no cost for this program. Call 413-245-7253 for further information.

FRIDAY ZUMBA CLASSES are offered at the Palmer Senior Center, 1029 Central St., Palmer, on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$25 for five classes or \$7 for drop-in. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or wallacee413@gmail.com.

ELBOW PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets the second Thursday of every month (except July, August, January and February in the community room of the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer from 2-4 p.m.

KIDS’ CHESS CLUB is hosted at the Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main St., Palmer on Tuesday afternoons in the community room from 4-5 p.m. All ages are welcome, including kindergarten through grade 12, families and adults. There is no need to sign-up. For more information contact William Nolte at 413-596-9021.

DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND. Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.

TICK TALK – A Lyme disease support group of Monson will meet at Grace Community Church at the Norcross House, 125 Main St., Monson the last Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-noon. The group can be found online at facebook.com/monson-lymesupport/ or monsonlymesupport.com.

FREE PLAYGROUP sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. Music and Movement on Wednesday, 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday and Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977.

A NEW, ONGOING ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholic/Dysfunctional Families) will be held on Friday nights at the First Church of Monson, 5 High St., Monson. ACA is a 12-step support group for adults raised in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. “Another Way to Live” will meet at 6:30 p.m. Voluntary donations only.

WEEKLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling 413-245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. is yoga class with Mah Jongg, and Monday evenings at 6 p.m. is Texas Hold ‘Em. Tuesdays at 10 a.m. is the Coffee Social which is open to everyone, and Open Crafts are held on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Zumba is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg is at 1 p.m. and Yoga is at 5 p.m., plus Pitch at 6:30 p.m. Stained glass is every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Cribbage is weekly on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Walking Club is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. The Billiard Room is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. For everyone. For more information, call 413-245-3163.

MONTHLY CLASSES at Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Cards Against Humanity on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and Magic the Gathering on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 413-245-3163.

CARD AND/OR BOARD GAMES will be offered at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. A \$1 donation is suggested. For more information call 413-245-7253.

MONDAY ZUMBA CLASSES are offered at Memorial Town Hall, 198 Main St., Monson, on Mondays at 8:30 a.m., sponsored by the Monson Parks and Recreation Department. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses

music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$30 for five classes or \$8 for drop-ins. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or wallacee413@gmail.com.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. The group is comprised of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. Local meetings are held every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at The Living Room of Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St., Ware; every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church, 22 Green St., Monson; Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Belchertown United Congregational Church, 18 Park St., Belchertown; every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers; and every Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer. For more information or to find additional meetings throughout the New England area, visit www.nerna.org.

FREE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASS at Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield. All ages are welcome in this free program sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation 5, held on Wednesdays, 9-9:45 a.m.; no programs during school vacations or holidays. Listen and move to music and create some of your own. The instructor is Jenn Gagnon. For more information, call Patti Sinko at 508-867-2232 or email sinkop@tantasqua.org.

NEW MUSEUM PASSES are available at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., Monson. The Friends of the Monson Free Library have renewed the list of museum passes which include free or discounted admission to area attractions like the Connecticut Science Museum, MassMOCA, New England Air Museum, Worcester Art Museum and the Wadsworth Athenaeum. Old favorites that are still available include the Eric Carle Museum, Massachusetts state parks, Mystic Aquarium, Smith College Museum of Art, Springfield Museums and the USS Constitution.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Join the group for stories, crafts and silliness. No registration is needed and all are welcome.

BOUNCE AND RHYME BABY TIME will be held at the Monson Free Library, 2 High St., every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for children up to 2 ½. No registration is required and all are welcome.

PALMER FOOD SHARE, INC., an emergency food pantry, is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Food Share is located at 39 Walnut St. in Palmer. Call 283-3614 with questions or to order to pick up food.

FAMILY MUSEUM PASSES are available from the Palmer Public Library. Use your library card to borrow passes to area museums for free or reduced admission to regular museum exhibits at locations like Boston Museum of Science, Ecotarium, Eric Carle Museum, Holyoke Children’s Museum, Mass Audubon, Mass. State Parks, Mystic Aquarium, Normal Rockwell Museum, Salem Witch Museum, Springfield Library & Museums and the U.S.S. Constitution. Passes may be reserved ahead for a specific day by calling the library at 283-3330 ext. 0 or at www.palmer.lib.mas.us.

AL-ANON FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY meetings - a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve our common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has one purpose, to help families and friends of alcoholics. The group meets Fridays at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer from 6:30-7:30 p.m. a

QUILTERS OF MONSON meet every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. at Columbia Hall, across from St. Patrick’s Church in Monson at 22 Green St. Experienced and beginner quilters get together to work on projects, exchange idea, provide help and encouragement in a friendly and fun atmosphere. For more information call Wendy Skillman at 413-355-0305 or email WendySkill@hotmail.com or go to ‘Monson Quilts’ on Facebook.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 712 calls from Jan. 1 through Jan 7. The department made a total of seven arrests or summons for arrest. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, Jan. 1

Richard Junior Rodriguez, 26, of 22 Homestead St., Palmer, was arrested at 1:12 a.m., on North Main Street in Palmer, on charges of a marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor; and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department Responded to a total of 12 calls from Dec. 31 through Jan. 6.

On Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 5:22 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Beacon Drive. The department returned to service at 5:51 p.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 1, at 9:30 a.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Washington Road with mutual aid from the Brimfield Fire Department. The department returned to service at 11:09 a.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, at 5:28 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with a fluid spill on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 5:44 p.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m., the department responded to

Keith E. Leaning, 58, of 215 Burlingame St., Three Rivers, was arrested at 8:33 p.m., in the area of North Main and King streets in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor (second offense); negligent operation of a motor vehicle; and a motor vehicle lights violation.

Saturday, Jan. 2

Jose Diaz-Morales, 24, of 4022 Church St., Thorndike, was arrested at 5:34 p.m., on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license for operating under the influence of liquor.

an alarm activation on Wright Street. The department returned to service at 8:06 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 3, at 12:23 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Central Street. The department returned to service at 1:03 a.m.

On Friday, Dec. 3, at 10:40 a.m., the department provided public assistance on Brainerd Street. The department returned to service at 11:15 a.m.

On Friday, Dec. 3, at 9:23 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle with an extrication on Ware Street. The department returned to service at 11:15 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 3, at 11:57 p.m., the department responded to an oven fire on Stimson Street. The department returned to service at 12:31 a.m.

On Monday, Dec. 4, at 8:54 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Main Street. The

MONSON

The Monson Police Department responded to a total of 62 calls from Jan. 1 through Jan 4. The department made a total of four arrests or summons for arrest. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Jason Michael Jr. Kurzeski, 25, of 3121 Boston Road, Wilbraham, was arrested at 2:26 a.m., on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; and not having his license in possession.

department returned to service at 9:13 a.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 12:44 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with an injury on Park Street. The department returned to service at 1:20 p.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 3:13 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Walnut Street. The department returned to service at 3:25 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 6, at 1:30 p.m., the department provided public service on Brainerd Street. The department returned to service at 1:52 p.m.

BONDSVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to no incidents from Dec. 31 through Jan. 6.

People



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Monson Summerfest raffle coordinator, Peter Matrow, (left), presents Michael Aliengena, of Monson, with the winning \$500 Adam's gift card. Eva Davies, of Monson, winner of the \$100 Adam's gift card winner receives her card from Adam's manager, Garrett Gracie, (left). Not pictured is \$50 winner, David Casey, of Amherst.

Monson Summerfest announces raffle winners for fundraiser

MONSON – The Monson Summerfest raffle is a joint Summerfest fundraising venture between Adam's Hometown Market and Monson Summerfest Inc. Special thanks to all who participated in the raffle, which will help future Fourth of July activities.

Planning for the 2020 Monson Summerfest Fourth of July celebration has already begun. New events are being planned and the committee would like to invite the citizens of Monson to share their suggestions either by joining the committee, writing to them at P.O.

Box 113, Monson, MA, 01057, or contacting them online at www.monsonsummerfestinc.com. The committee meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the fire department.

Monson Savings announces recent promotions

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank has announced the following promotions:

Kelly Collins has been promoted to assistant vice president, marketing officer. She joined Monson Savings Bank in February 2016 as the marketing officer and has worked hard to promote the MSB brand throughout the last few years. She is passionate about sharing the bank's story and successes. She has a bachelor's degree in communications and marketing, has an extensive background in marketing, and recently graduated from the Leadership Pioneer Valley program.

Kylie LaPlante has been promoted to the position of business development officer. She joined the MSB team in December 2011 as a teller. She went on to earn positions of CSA supervisor, assistant branch manager, branch manager and in December 2018 began



Dina Merwin



Kylie LaPlante



Kelly Collins

working as a business relationship manager. She has a bachelor's degree in management and is a graduate of the New England School for Financial Studies.

Dina Merwin has been promoted to senior vice president, chief risk and senior compliance officer. She joined MSB in June 2013 as a compliance officer. She worked hard to build a successful compliance program for the bank and was promoted to positions of assistant vice president, vice

president, and most recently, first vice president compliance and bsa officer. She attended STCC, Quinsigamond Community College and Worcester State College, and is a graduate of the Massachusetts School for Financial Studies and the National School of Banking.

"We are extremely pleased to announce these well-deserved promotions," said Steve Lowell, President of Monson Savings Bank. "Kelly, Kylie and Dina are important contributors to our continued success. We have an incredible team here at Monson Savings."

Great Decisions discussion group returns

WILBRAHAM – Registration has begun for the 2020 Great Decisions Discussion Group, to be held at the Wilbraham Public Library beginning in February.

The topics from the upcoming series, selected by the Foreign Policy Association, are "Climate Change and the Global Order," "India and Pakistan," "Red Sea Security," "Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking," "U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle," "China's Road to Latin America," "The Philippines and the U.S." and "Artificial Intelligence and Data."

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 8 and 15. Extra meetings have been built into the schedule to allow for makeup dates due to inclement weather.

Marjorie Schoen has once again volunteered to lead the library's local chapter of this national conversation. Past participants have found the weekly discussions to be highly informative and engaging.

This year, thanks to a generous donation from Duke Insurance Brokerage, the Great Decisions brief-

ing books will be made available to purchase through the library at a discount. The first 30 individuals to sign up will have the option to buy one of the books for \$17.50. The library will also maintain a copy at the front desk so that all will have access to the book if they choose not to purchase one.

To learn more about the series topics, visit fpa.org/great_decisions or stop by the library at 25 Crane Park Drive. To register call 596-6141.

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GSCVB seeks nominations for annual 'Howdy Awards'

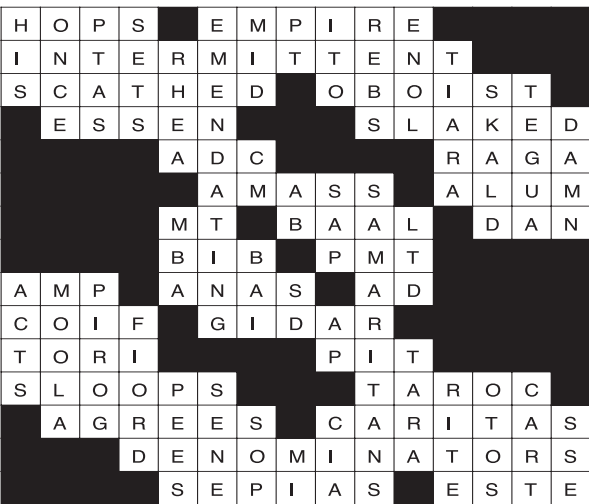
SPRINGFIELD – For those working in the hospitality industry in Western Massachusetts, "Howdy" is not just a friendly greeting, it means being among the very best in the field. Now through March 1, 2020, the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau is providing folks an opportunity to thank individuals who provide great service by nominating them for a Howdy Award for Hospitality Excellence online at ExploreWesternMass.com.

For 25 years, the Howdy Awards for Hospitality Excellence program has recognized outstanding restaurant servers, attractions attendants, bartenders, hotel personnel, retail clerks and others across Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties in Western Mass.

"It's amazing how popular the Howdy Awards have become, and we work hard to keep that momentum going," says GSCVB President Mary Kay Wydra. "We started this out over 25 years ago, in the hopes we'd help attract some media attention for the hundreds of good front-line folks who meet and greet visitors every day, and it simply took off."

Winners will be recognized at a dinner Monday, May 18 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

The GSCVB, an affiliate of the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts, is a private nonprofit destination marketing organization dedicated to promoting Western Mass. for meetings and conventions, group tours, sports and leisure travel. For more information on the GSCVB, visit www.ExploreWesternMass.com.



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